

COMMUNITY NEWS

Voters say 'yes' to sales tax increase

 By Kenny Larabee
 Chief Reporter

City officials looking for funds to improve Maryville got their wish Tuesday night when citizens voted "yes" to pass the Capital Improvement Plan in the April 8 municipal election.

Unofficial results Tuesday night approximately 60 percent voting in favor of the CIP, which will increase the city's sales tax by one half of 1 percent. The increase is expected to generate roughly \$7.9 million for the city over the next 10 years, with the bulk of those funds going toward street and highway repair and the development of a new trail system. The increase will begin July 1.

Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson was at the Nodaway County Courthouse eagerly awaiting the election results Tuesday night and was pleased when the tally came in.

"We'll be able to get the voters what they need and what they're asking for, and something that they can visually see," Jackson said. "There's a lot of different ways you can look at it, but I'm relieved and excited and have a lot of work to do. (The staff's got a lot of work to do to figure out how to move forward with this, but I definitely want to give the voters what they expect."

Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerc was also at the courthouse Tuesday night. While he couldn't promote the CIP, he could offer his feelings after the vote as a citizen of Maryville.

"I'm pleased that it passed so that we can do a lot of the improvements that we need to do for these citizens," LeCerc said. "That's where I look at it from, is, 'what do the citizens expect?' and 'what do they deserve?' and this is going to help accomplish those needs."

Also on the agenda for Maryville's municipal election was the appointing of two city council positions and three school board positions.

Ron Moss and Patricia Cummings were elected to serve on the Maryville City Council. Cummings was a previous member, while Moss will take over for Jerry Wilmes, who is stepping down.

Election results

Maryville R-II School District Board of Directors

 Roger Baker
 Jason Haer
 Sean Weidmaier

City Council

 Patricia Cummings
 Kirk Larsen

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Technology fee increases for fall

 By Lisa Houtchens
 Chief Reporter

Technology is always changing.

Every three years, laptops and some desktop computers around Northwest are replaced with newer ones with the latest technology.

This year, the University plans to phase in new computers, and the technology fee will increase from \$7 to \$10 per credit hour.

The increase passed unanimously at the April 1 Student Senate meeting.

Total cost for the new computers, desktops and laptops, will reach nearly \$4 million. This will be funded through the increased fee, Finance and Support Services Vice

President Ray Courter said.

In past years, on-campus residents received a laptop; now every full time student will get one. The new technology fee will also be used for 500 new desktop computers in campus laboratories, Information Systems Vice President Jon Rickman said.

All Northwest students, part-time and full-time, will still be required to pay the increase, regardless of whether they choose to use the campus provided laptops.

Part-time students can rent the old laptops for a \$50 fee, and the other computers that are not rented out will be auctioned and the computers in residence halls will remain in use, Miller said.

The fee includes the software

packages installed on the computers, printers and Ethernet cables, Courter said.

The new computers will have more memory and a better performing speed. All the new laptops and desktops will be Windows Vista capable, but will actually use Windows XP, Client Computing Manager Merlin Miller said.

With the new laptops capability for wireless, the hot spots will remain in the J.W. Jones Student Union, Garrett-Strong Science Building and Colden Hall. The University also plans to bring wireless Internet to the residence halls; that will not be covered under the increased fee, Rickman said.

Some of the labs will receive updates with the technology fee,

where others will still have to stay funded by departments.

The Mass Communication department does not receive funding from the technology fee. Instead, it uses the instructional equipment budgeting from the department, because the equipment is for Mass Communication students and not for the general public, Rickman said.

"It's an interesting situation for us (Mass Communication department), because whereas most departments are using campus PC and Gateway computers, the Mass Comm. department works differently, the school does not support our Macintosh labs," television and

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Technology fee

\$10 The technology fee will increase by \$3 per credit hour, from \$7 to \$10 in fall 2008

\$4 million The total cost of new computers.

500 new desktop computers replaced in computer labs.

\$50 How much part-time students will pay per trimester to rent a computer.

\$1,240 Approximately how much an incoming freshman will pay in technology fees to graduate from Northwest if costs do not increase.

UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Destination: known



RICHARD AND SUZANNE Frucht pose in front of the Little Mermaid Statue in Copenhagen. The Fruchts traveled to 35 countries throughout their 36 years of marriage.



photos submitted by richard and suzanne frucht

(top) THE FRUCHTS VISITED Chichen Itza in Mexico. Together the Fruchts have spent a combined 46 years at Northwest. (directly above) ON SEVERAL TRIPS abroad the Fruchts have taken Northwest students as a learning experience. For 2007 they traveled to Egypt for spring break.

For Fruchts, retirement means more travel, writing

 By Micheal Clements
 Chief Reporter

She walked in the door more than 30 years ago, yet they still can't find the words to describe the moment.

On Jan. 30, 1970 at 7:42 p.m., Richard Frucht met his wife, Suzanne.

He proposed 96 hours later. "I was going to do it in three days, but I thought she would think I was crazy," Rick said.

Following this trimester, they will retire as Northwest faculty, Rick, a history professor and Suzanne, an associate professor of biology.

The Fruchts have spent a combined 46 years at Northwest, but they said it doesn't seem like a long time.

While the many unique things gathered over the years in his office have been packed, a "South Park" poster remains pinned on one of Rick's walls.

"Never missed an episode," Rick said. Rick credits his teaching career to his college Western Civilization professor.

"I thought, gee, he's having a great time doing this, his approach was so infectious, that I thought that's what I want to do," Rick said.

Suzanne was a physical therapist while teaching medical terminology at night. After finding enjoyment in teaching, she decided to do more.

"I started teaching more and doing less physical therapy, then I went back and got my Ph.D. so I could be full time faculty," she said.

Rick grew up just outside of New York City and Suzanne grew up in Dallas. They met in college, both belonging to the same club at Baylor University in Texas.

Married in 1972, the Fruchts have traveled to over 35 countries. The first country they visited was Romania, where they spent a year while Rick did research for his dissertation to get his doctorate.

Rick buys the national soccer jersey from each country they visited.

After finishing his degree in February 1980, the Fruchts moved to northwest Missouri when Rick took a job as a professor at the University.

"We've seen the University grow," Rick said.

"We've seen a lot of students come and go," Suzanne added.

Some students say "my mom told me to take you," Rick said.

Some of the Fruchts former students are now faculty or staff at Northwest. It's a great feeling of accomplishment, Rick added.

Traveling has remained a hobby for the Fruchts; together they have been to all 50 states and almost all of the national parks,

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"We want to see places that you've read about, like when we went to Egypt, because we grew up reading about the pyramids and the desert and the camels ... and actually go and see it"

Suzanne Frucht

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Montgomery's defense prepares to appeal sentence

 By Kenny Larabee
 Chief Reporter

Last week, Lisa Montgomery became only the third woman sentenced to federal death row since 1972.

But the defense is prepared to begin a potentially lengthy appeal following Montgomery's sentencing Friday in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

The ruling came in a matter of minutes, with the courtroom remaining silent and stoic, even when U.S. District Judge Gary Fenner delivered his decision, "... sentenced to death."

Montgomery, 40, of Melvern, Kan. entered the courtroom in shackles, offering little emotion outside of a smile for her family before the proceedings began. She, too, remained silent when the judge handed down the sentence.

Montgomery was found guilty of kidnapping resulting in death by a federal grand jury last October. Montgomery killed Bobbie Jo Stinnett, then 23, of Skidmore, cutting her womb open with a knife and kidnapping her fetus in December 2004. Montgomery took the child, Victoria Jo, across state lines to Kansas, showing the child off as her own. Law enforcement officials worked together to recover Victoria Jo and return her to her father the following day.

The jury recommended the death penalty less than a week after deciding its verdict.

Stinnett's family and the prosecuting attorney, Matt Whitworth, left without talking to reporters, as did Montgomery's husband, Kevin Montgomery, and her parents.

John Wood, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, released a statement following the sentencing.

"I hope that (Friday's) sentence will bring some measure of closure to the family of Bobbie Jo Stinnett," Wood said. "Seeking the ultimate penalty is not something we take lightly, but this outcome serves the cause of justice and honors the memory of Bobbie Jo Stinnett."

Montgomery's attorney, Fred Duchardt, talked with reporters on the courtroom steps following the trial, saying his client would file an appeal.

"There's 20-some odd issues that we've raised that we raised before Judge Fenner and I respect him very much," Duchardt said. "But we very strongly and honestly disagree with several of the rulings that he made that we feel made all the difference in the world."

Findings on Montgomery's condition, pseudocyesis, through images of her brain and neuropsychological testing, were not able to be properly



Lisa Montgomery

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

High school choirs join Tower Choir for shared concert

The Northwest Tower Choir will perform in a shared concert with two Kansas high schools at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 13, in the Performing Arts Center.

Music professor Stephen Town will direct the Tower Choir.

Louisburg High School Select Choir, conducted by Jason Sichel, and Bonner Springs High School A Cappella Choir, conducted by Brian White, are the high schools in the performance.

The performance is free and open to the public.

Deadline nearing to provide content for new calendar

Northwest students have the opportunity to submit class projects, photos of them in Northwest activities and other work for the 2008-2009 Northwest Calendar.

The deadline is April 21. Submissions sent electronically can be e-mailed to Tcarter@nwmissouri.edu and hard copies can be dropped off in 223 in the Administration Building.

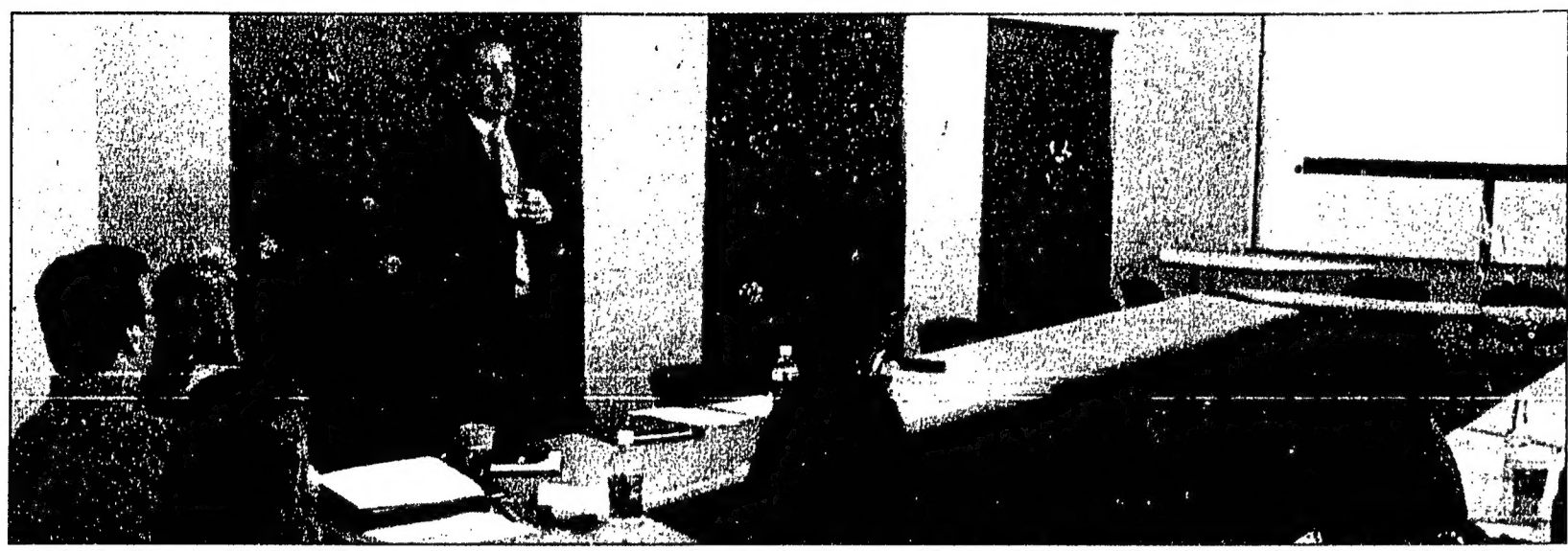
For more information, contact University Relations at 562-1580.

Philosophy movie night planned for Monday night

There will be a philosophy movie night at 7 p.m., Monday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

The movie "Blade Runner" will be shown with discussion following led by Christopher Anadole of the Conception Seminary College.

NORTHWEST STAFF



CANDIDATES FOR THE dean of students position gave presentations to faculty, students and staff about either a student affairs topic or an ideal student affairs division. Rushion Johnson Jr. (bottom right), Matt Baker (above) and Wendi Santee (not pictured), presented last week.

Search for dean of students winds down

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Three candidates are vying for the Northwest Dean of Students position.

Three forums were held last week to introduce candidates for the job to faculty, staff and students.

There were approximately 45 applicants, and out of those a search committee selected four for a phone interview, Auxiliary Services Director Mark Hetzler said. Three candidates of those were brought to campus. Those candidates were Rushion Johnson Jr., the executive assistant to the president at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., Matt Baker, the current Northwest Residential Life director and Wendi Santee, behavioral health clinical educator at Richard H. Young Psychiatric Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She has 13 years experience in higher education.

During the forums the candidates were asked to give a presentation on what they think is the ideal student affairs division or a topic within student affairs, Hetzler said. Johnson presented on the first day; his topic was student engagement.

"We have to meet the students where they are if we're going to engage them at our institution," Johnson said.

One way of engaging students is video games because of their big impact, Johnson said. An idea he presented is to develop games to teach students. He told the group if the impact of gaming is ignored then institutions are behind in engaging students.

Baker was the second candidate to present. He is currently the Residential Life Director at Northwest. His topic was on the dean of students role in student development.

"When we work with students in student

development, we can't predict what's going to happen tomorrow, but we can create a culture on campus and with students that people understand, that people can relate to and can shape where we go tomorrow, Baker said.

When a student goes to college, Baker believes the student should see things such as organizations they can join, opportunities for leadership roles and a world broadening experience. Students should also find a way to connect to campus life, people and ideas, Baker said.

In addition to a dean of students supporting the institution's mission, Baker believes it is important to create an experience for all students, be an essential part of recruitment and retention, create the sense of a community and be a student advocate.

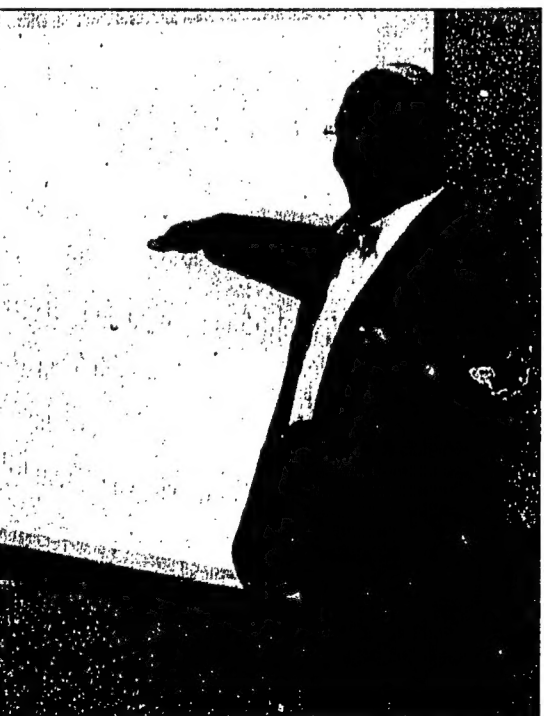
On the final day of the forums, Santee presented on mental health issues and the role student affairs because it is becoming an increasing concern and she has a background in mental health.

Students dealing with issues such as depression or anger sometimes don't know how to deal with them, Santee said. Causes for the student violence or self-destruction include hopelessness, alienation, desperation and loneliness, she said.

She stressed the importance of students finding a connection when they arrive on campus. A connection is someone students can go to help them find resources they need. If a student gets involved early they are more likely to get help, she said.

The role she believes student affairs plays includes having a safe environment for all students, an environment that allows success and helps students connect to campus and be a student advocate.

At the end of every presentation those in attendance had an opportunity to submit their



comments to be reviewed before a candidate is picked.

Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliot is looking for the themes of each candidate and will check a couple of the candidates' references, Hetzler said. She will be in charge of picking the dean of students.

The position could be offered to one of the candidates as soon as the end of the week, Hetzler said.

"Until that person accepts (the one who receives the offer) we will not be able to make a public... announcement," he said.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Dierks Bentley tour comes to town Wednesday

By Destinee Biesemeyer
Missourian Reporter

In less than a week, Bearcat Stadium will host country music stars Dierks Bentley, Bucky Covington and Luke Bryan as part of the Wide Open Throttle Tour.

"We sent out a survey to all students at the beginning of the semester to see which genre of music they want and we had a huge list of perspective artists and we filtered it down. That's how we came to decide on Dierks Bentley," Student Activities Council Concert Chair Brandon Matulka said.

Students' first choice was Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood, who were on tour together, but their schedules were already set, Matulka said.

After the artists were selected for the concert, it was up to SAC to get them here.

"It was actually kind of a tricky situation," Matulka said because their agent works with the musicians to try and fit Northwest into their touring schedule.

"Some artists take into account the size of the venue, but we were lucky that Dierks didn't have any stipulations. The biggest venue would be the football stadium and we are putting 3,500 people there for this event," Matulka said.

Also, it cost approximately \$190,000 in total fees to prepare and host Bentley and the other acts Matulka said.

In his contract, Bentley was able to request specific things for SAC to provide.

"They wanted a vibe room with couches (in addition to) their dressing room. They didn't have anything weird, like some artists only want plain M&M's and only the yellow ones," Matulka said.

Tickets went on sale March 31 for students only. Public sales started April 7. Matulka estimated 1,600 tickets were sold the first day and expects the concert to sell out.

"There was a line back to the door, I waited for 30 minutes and was almost late to class, but it was worth it because Dierks Bentley is so freaking hot and we got front row seats," freshman Alisha Gaby said. "I am excited because I will be really close and have never been to a real concert before."

COMMUNITY

ECONOMY

Oil industry hurt by gas prices

Ethanol, biofuels might stop woes at the pump

By Sean Comer
Political Reporter

Understanding why America pays what it does at the pump today can get as disorienting as watching the prices themselves climb.

MFA Oil Co. marketing director Tom May won't argue that. He would say U.S. refineries find themselves in an interesting situation: Americans need more oil but don't want new refineries in their backyards, May said. He doesn't recall a new refinery since the 1970s.

Meanwhile, America scrambles to overseas oil to meet its needs because domestic refineries don't have the capacity to produce all that America demands.

The refineries end up struggling just as much as everyone else, May said. The returns haven't been great lately, he added. MFA struggled to get loan approval to make EPA-mandated upgrades to their Kansas refinery.

"If you look at other industries, the return on investment is two to three-times higher than what oil companies have," May said.

"Exxon and Mobil had to combine because they couldn't make it on their own. Conoco and Phillips had to combine because they couldn't make it on their own."

So does misunderstanding the oil industry's predicament lead to casting oil providers as the bad guys?

"Absolutely," May said. "Refineries aren't the problem. The problem is that we don't have

enough refinery capacity in the United States to keep up with the demand.

"Therefore, we rely on other countries like Venezuela, the Middle East and Saudi Arabia to import our crude oil, as well as our refined gasoline and diesel fuel."

While U.S. refineries fight for the capacity to meet demands and compete with foreign oil, the situation's cost trickles away from the refineries and oil fields. The economy takes a hit when shippers and distributors have to hike surcharges to meet shipping costs, Spire said. Fortunately, if world-economy-leading U.S. markets suffer from high fuel costs, the world economy could take a hit, he added.

That might be enough to back off foreign oil producers, predictions say.

The situation isn't hopeless, both Spire and May said. Prices would be an estimated one-quarter of a cent worse without mandatory ethanol blending, Spire said. Some estimates say the present recession might drive oil back down to \$80 per barrel, he added. The most crucial variable will be biofuel developments.

The right developments at the right time could even price out ethanol if the corn and beans needed to refine these fuels hold at \$5 and \$11 per barrel and oil drops to the around \$50 per gallon. Ethanol refined from plant matter could be the next saving grace, Spire said.

May said the domestic oil industry would welcome competition from biofuels. He hinted the

"This is allowing fuel to be produced right here in the U.S. and it's helping offset some of the demand for regular gasoline, which is keeping the price down."

Tom May, MFA Oil Co. marketing director

COMMUNITY FUND RAISER



COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOOK part in the annual 'Cat Walk' on April 5. Northwest teams up with St. Francis Hospital to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

Donors give \$1,500 during 'Cat Walk'

By Katie Luers
Missourian Reporter

With music playing, participants walked around the indoor track wearing bright yellow shirts. It's all about research and exercise.

Northwest hosted the annual 'Cat Walk' at Bearcat Arena April 5 with a turnout of nearly 250 people.

The University holds the 'Cat Walk' every spring, in conjunction with St. Francis Hospital, raising money in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"The event is to get people out and walk," Northwest Professor Matt Symonds said. "It's all about physical activity."

Two hundred people pre-registered for the event and on-site registration saw more sign-ups than any other previous year, Symonds said.

The University has sponsored the 'Cat Walk' for the past 15 years. St. Francis teamed up with Northwest in 2005.

Health screening tests, sponsored by St. Francis, began at 8 a.m. Tests included bone density, pulmonary function and blood pressure.

At 9 a.m., the walk began. Bright yellow shirts were handed out to all registrants.

A variety of ages participated in the walk.

Community member Debbie Binzant came to the 'Cat Walk' for the first time this year.

"I love it, you get with friends you haven't seen for a while and exercise," Binzant said.

Throughout the day, a raffle was held with prize items ranging from exercise equipment to a quilt.

When all was said and done, donations totaled near \$1,500 for cystic fibrosis research.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Survey looking to gain community health options

Community Solutions for Rural Health has announced the launch of an online community health needs assessment.

Survey questions cover the seriousness of various community issues, ranging from the cost of health care to family preparedness for emergencies and to what extent local services meet in community needs.

To complete the survey, go online to the St. Francis Hospital and Health Services homepage at StFrancisMaryville.com and click on the "community" link.

For those interested and do not have access to the internet or prefer to complete the survey by hand, call 562-7933 and receive a printed copy.

Governor promotes personal healthy activity this week

Governor encourages one activity for public health week.

Missourians can find ways to improve their personal health and well-being, while helping to protect the environment.

One way to start is by choosing one activity that can achieve both goals.

That is the key message from Missouri Governor Matt Blunt and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Missouri Public Health Week is April 7-11.

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Simple Steps to Improved Communication

A message from the Northwest Wellness Center



By Rhonda Rund, M.A., LPC
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Before you utter another word to your friend, family member or significant other... breathe.

That's right, just pause, breathe, tune in, then speak. Do you truly know the message you are about to send? If you did, would you change anything about it?

Once you have communicated your message in a mindful way, temporarily put your opinions and judgments on pause, take a deep breath and focus your attention on the message being sent back to you. Look the person in the eyes and consider: What is this person's point of view? What is the emotion behind what is being said? If the person with whom you are communicating is finished, but you are still unclear, ask if they would clarify or share additional details to help improve your understanding.

Remember the importance of non-verbal communication for deeper understanding: Posture, gestures, subtle eye and facial muscle movements, as well as head nods are all important variables in sending a clear message.

Finally, if you find you are facing a potentially difficult communication situation, a little preparation and rehearsal can go a long way to increase the chances of successful outcomes.

If you need help communicating in the significant relationships in your life, Northwest's Personal Development and Counseling Services can help. Call 562-1220 and schedule an appointment today.

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video engineer Will Murphy said. Even though the technology fee is not applied to the Mass Communication Department, Murphy knows the students get the better end of technology, he said.

Northwest's Electronic Campus status is a selling point for the University and the fees that Northwest has does impact each student, Student Senate President Alex Drury said.

"I hope students realize how far the fees get stretched," Drury said.

Northwest offers technology to students to help them succeed academically and providing laptops to every student helps, Board of Regents Student Representative Aaron Baker said.

"Technology is changing all around us at a rapid pace," Baker said. "In order for us to keep in line with that, we need to make sure we can fund that infrastructure."

CITY BRIEFS

Teen drinking focus of meeting

Community expresses concern over new data

By Erin Longes
Missourian Reporter

Recent data show some young people start drinking before even setting foot in high school. By the time teens reach eighth grade, 41 percent say that they have had at least one drink, according to figures for 2007 released by St. Francis Hospital, covering Nodaway County.

"It's time to stop wringing our hands and saying kids will be kids," said Sue Noakes, Mental Health Task Force Chair.

A Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking took place last Thursday, April 3, at the Hangar movie theater. Several public officials presented information on the dangers and effects of underage drinking.

"Approximately 85 community members and educators attended, which was a great night for us," said Lesley Schulte, event

moderator. Community members and representatives from all Nodaway County school districts attended. A short film was followed by group discussion, the presentation of the panel and more discussion.

"Our goal was to encourage discussion of the health, social, law and developmental implications of alcohol on youth," Schulte said.

Panel members gave suggestions for dealing with underage drinking. One member urged parents to set good examples. Others reminded parents of the importance of knowing where their kids were at all times.

"One thing stressed was that parents need to talk to kids while they are still listening," Noakes said. "If they wait until they are teens, it is too late."

Panel members encouraged parents and educators not to give

up in the fight against underage drinking.

"The overall outcome of the meeting was that there is something we can do," Noakes said. "There is a higher risk of kids turning to other drugs."

Communities nationwide held Town Hall Meetings last week. These were sponsored in part by the Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Prevention of Underage Drinking.

"The Nodaway County meeting was co-sponsored by the Mental Health Task Force."

"The final clincher was that it is up to those who were in attendance to create a sequel for the evening," Noakes said.

ELECTION: Officials chosen

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Roger Baker, Jason Haer and Sean Wiermaier were chosen for the Maryville R-II School District School Board. Baker was a previous member.

Elected city council members will take their oath of office at the city council meeting on April 14, while newly elected school board members will begin at the board meeting on April 16.

In regards to the CIP, City Councilwoman Carole Couts said the need for improvement may have had an effect on the direction of the vote.

"I think (the voters) just saw the need after the extreme winter we've had and the toll it's taken on a lot of our infrastructure," Couts said, "and we're really thankful for the voters, the taxpayers, to step up and put their faith into the city government and city council to see this through."

An educated public may have been responsible for voting "yes," Jackson said. LeCerc gave presentations to inform citizens of the need for a CIP, while Jackson, council members and citizens went out to promote the plan.

"That was our goal, I think I said that in a few presentations that we gave, 'however you choose to vote, vote informed,'" Jackson said.

At least one area resident thought the CIP was a good idea Wednesday morning. Matt MacDonald lives in Elmo, but works in Maryville, where the sales tax would have an impact on him.

"When they come up with something like that, if it's actually used and applied for its intended purpose, then I don't think most people would have an issue with it. I don't," MacDonald said. "I'm all for that, we definitely need work on the roads, etc. They're horrible."

City officials will waste no time getting started, LeCerc said. His first priority was to meet with city department leaders to assess what needs are most pressing and which issues can wait.

"What we'd like to do is see if we can get on a number of projects this calendar year because the cost of doing business isn't getting any cheaper," LeCerc said. "It's constantly increasing, and if we can find some mechanism by which to open up funds to do some projects right now, we're going to be a lot better off in the future."

TRIAL: Appeal to focus on medical findings

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presented in court, and that is one of the primary bases for the appeal, Duchardt said.

Pseudocyesis is a condition leading women to believe they are pregnant, according to the Journal of Family Practice.

Montgomery also expressed sorrow for her actions, Duchardt said.

"There's so much in the tapes that were shared with the jury about Lisa's sorrow over what happened, but the trouble is that because of her mental condition, she can't even go back there. She can't even resurrect those memories as to what happened," Duchardt said.

Carl Boman, Montgomery's ex-husband, stood outside the courtroom with his and Montgomery's two children, Carl II and Chelsea Neal, following the trial and said that the children are holding out

hope for the appeal.

"That's definitely what the kids are holding out for," Boman said. "They don't want her executed."

Because of the swiftness of the sentence hearing, reporters asked Duchardt why more questions weren't asked.

"The issues were all legal at this point, once Judge Fenner overruled our motion for a new trial then he really had no choice in terms of what he was going to do," Duchardt said. "The sentence had to be 'death' in accordance with the jury's recommendation under the law."

Becky Harper, the mother of Bobbie Jo, was contacted for this story, but opted not to comment at this time.

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey, who helped spearhead the investigation of the murder, said that through the combined efforts of law enforcement agencies, the evidence was solid.

"They had three years to pick this case apart and they couldn't find a hole in this case," Espey said.

Because evidence pointed to Montgomery researching the means to carry out the murder and subsequent kidnapping, Espey said the outcome was deserved.

"I've said all along, if anybody deserved a death sentence, it was this case, due to the graphic nature of it," Espey said. "A lot of the reason for me saying that is that it wasn't spontaneous, it was planned."

Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, carrying out Montgomery's sentence could be delayed for quite some time, Duchardt said.

"Normally, these kinds of appeals, you're looking at a process that's going to take one to two years for us just on this appeal level here," Duchardt said. "Beyond that I really can't tell."

FRUCHT: Couple plans to move to Northeast

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essarily get to ... it's not a trip, it's a complete class," Rick said.

Upon retiring, the Fruchts are moving to Pennsylvania. The location they have chosen, near the coast, will allow them to get last minute budget travel deals overseas, they said.

The location is close to New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. although they won't be living in a big city, Rick said.

Their love of traveling has rubbed off on their daughter, Kristin, who spent a semester of college taking classes at sea on a ship.

"She and I have a competition

of whose been to more countries, I'm ahead now," Rick said. "She's bitter about it, too."

They also passed along their passion for teaching; Kristin teaches in Virginia.

Suzanne is currently writing two textbooks and Rick is considering updating a three-volume reference book on Europe after leaving Northwest.

"It's just this big step, something new to do," Suzanne said.

"We both try to live each day to the fullest," Rick said. "There's so many wonderful things to do and see and learn ... we never want to stop."

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SPORTS

NW SOFTBALL

Lack of timely hitting dooms doubleheader

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest hitters tallied more hits than the University of Nebraska-Omaha softball team, but couldn't manufacture enough runs during a doubleheader sweep Tuesday.

In game one, Northwest managed five hits compared to UNO's three, but couldn't deliver any runs during a 2-0 UNO win. UNO's Beth Haley garnered her 13th victory, striking out five.

In game two, Melissa Negrete recorded five strikeouts and UNO out-hit Northwest 9-8 on route to a 5-2 victory.

"We talked after the game how in the first part of the year, when we had a runner in scoring position, everyone was coming through," Northwest coach Ryan Anderson said. "Right now, we're getting them in scoring position, but nothing's happening. We have to fight through that."

The 14th-ranked Mavericks tallied their two runs in game one during the third inning. With one out, Chanel Reaves walked and stole second. The next batter, Leslie Svoboda, walked and during a double steal, Northwest committed an error, allowing Reaves to score.

Svoboda eventually scored on a 2-out single by Treighton Yates.

The 'Cats' offense advanced a runner past first base three times during the contest. Down two runs, Northwest's Casey Carper led off the sixth inning with a single. Tiffany Graham then grounded into a fielder's choice, keeping Carper from reaching second.

With two outs, Courtney Channell singled to centerfield, putting runners on first and third. The inning ended with a strikeout ending the threat.

Northwest wasted another leadoff single opportunity in the seventh. Kristen Hessel led off the inning with a single, and advanced to second on a passed ball. Hessel remained stranded at second as the final two batters struck out and grounded out to third base, respectively.

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NW TRACK



NORTHWEST HIGH JUMPER Halley Carlson arches to make her mark during the Jack's Nitch Northwest Open last Saturday. The Bearcats had the event's top two high jumpers.

Miles' record headlines day

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The home crowd at last weekend's Jack's Nitch Northwest Open got a treat, as the men's and women's teams came away with victories.

Truman State grabbed second behind both teams — 179-163 on the women's side, 242-214 on the men's.

Sophomore John Miles provided excitement on the men's side by breaking the school record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.48 seconds. Miles' performance provisionally qualified him for nationals this spring and won him MIAA Athlete of the Week. He also won the 200-meter dash.

"It was one of my goals when I first decided to be a college athlete, to break the school record," Miles said. "Hopefully, one of these days, my goal is to make it to the Olympic trials."

Senior EJ Falknor finished second to Miles in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes and both competed on the 400-meter relay team.

"I really think we were about to break the school record and qualify for nationals before the fall," men's coach Richard Alsop said of his relay team's defeat in the 400-meter relay.

Northwest led in the race until junior Sheldon Cook tripped and fell on the third leg.

In the throwing events, sophomore Eric Rickert won the shot put with a mark of more than 48 feet.

Though the sprinters shined last weekend, senior Kendall Wright came away with the overall points title after winning the long jump, tying for first in the pole vault, placing second in the decathlon and finishing fourth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Bearcat freshman Kate Walter claimed a share of the individual points title as well. She won the javelin with a mark of 106 feet, nine inches and placed third and fourth in the discus and hammer throw, respectively.

"Kate as a freshman is just doing great," women's

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NW TENNIS FEATURE



Senior sets sights on Division II tourney

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

When Kristina Vucenovic first gripped a tennis racket, she knew what her future entailed.

Nothing would stop her from enjoying her first love. Not a surgery, not a language barrier, not her longing for home and not even her school shutting down the program.

Vucenovic has traveled from Serbia to Houston to Memphis, Tenn., and to finally Maryville, to achieve her dream of playing tennis. Now, after 17 years playing competitive tennis, Vucenovic will conclude her career this spring. Along the way, Vucenovic overcame countless battles, on route to All-American honors, MIAA accolades and a spot in the national tournament last fall.

"My sister would play every day, and after my first practice, I was sleeping with my racket every night," Vucenovic said. "I was so in love. The first day I played, I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I never got bored of playing."

Vucenovic started playing tennis at age 6, while living in Serbia. A little while later, a surgery

career until age 7. At that point, Vucenovic's passion for tennis skyrocketed and became her inspiration for coming to America.

"Serbia is a really poor country," Vucenovic said. "At age 17, you have to decide whether to go pro or not. It is so expensive to play and the education is the not the same as here. You cannot expect to play tennis."

"My best friend came here (America), and told me it was great. You could play tennis, you can meet a lot of new people and get a degree. So I was going to try it."

But Vucenovic lacked an important skill, she didn't speak English.

Learning to communicate marked only one of many adjustments to Houston, where she played junior college tennis. Although Serbia's climate does include some warm weather, Vucenovic said Houston's weather in August is remarkably different than anything she was accustomed to.

The food also made life difficult. Vucenovic didn't adjust well to the food and rarely ate in her first year. Those elements created a rough transition.

"The first three months, I was on the phone with my parents every day, some times crying," Vucenovic said. "No one understood me, and I didn't have a close friend to turn to. I didn't know if I could survive, but my coach helped me a lot. He is the person who made me survive my first few years."

Vucenovic completed her junior college career two years later, and fielded Division II and NAIA letters, including one from Northwest head coach Mark Rosewell. Vucenovic's coach guided her to Ford Hardeman (Tenn.) College, a NAIA school featuring players who once aspired to play professionally.

While there, Vucenovic held down the No. 1 spot, and joined her team as a top recruit at the national tournament.

The team finished third. The tournament was a record second year on. Vucenovic earned second place on the team, but she was one of the top players in the country.

team with all international players," Vucenovic said. "One day, some of those players could go pro and that experience really helped. I wanted to go to a school with a good education, so I listened to my coach to go there. I feel like I should have come here before, but I can't go back in time."

Rosewell came back into the picture in 2007, and Vucenovic decided to end her career at Northwest. She made an immediate impact in the fall, when she became the second Northwest singles player in the last four years to attain a spot at the Small College Championships. Cene Landwehr earned a spot in 2003 and 2004.

Vucenovic won the regional tournament in straight sets, defeating top players, including top-seeded player Diana Goldsmith.

"We've had several good players, but she's as good or better than Jasmine Osborn, who was an All-American," Rosewell said. "She's so consistent at keeping the ball alive. She's like a chess player."

At the national tournament, Vucenovic became the highest Northwest finisher ever, with a fifth place medal. She added another honor in the spring season last week, with MIAA Player of the Week accolade.

This spring, Vucenovic is not only aiming for a national title in singles, but also in doubles. Rosewell said her doubles play has improved the most since she's been here, and one attributing factor is her partner, Veronica Castilla. Castilla is a fellow foreign player, from Spain, and she said their relationship off the court helps their game on the court.

"We're best friends," Castilla said. "We like to play together. We help each other and know our strengths. We know each other really well, because we've come here from far away."

Currently, Vucenovic holds a 23-3 record, including a 10-0 MIAA record. In four years, Vucenovic and Castilla are the only all-time record holders during their time at Northwest.

NW BASEBALL

Inconsistency mars weekend series

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

After giving up seven first-inning runs in game one of a four-game series last Friday, the Northwest baseball team's season saw its low point.

But the Bears did not spend too much time wallowing, as they quickly erased the deficit and lit up Missouri Southern for nine first-inning runs of their own.

Northwest (18-13, 8-8 MIAA) took that game 10-8, but despite the potential for a season-turning momentum swing, it was only able to win one more, as the Lions (12-20, 10-8 MIAA) took both of last Saturday's games to earn a series split.

Junior pitcher Bill Disselhoff did salvage the series on Sunday, throwing a three-hit, eight-strikeout shutout as the 'Cats took game four, 10-0. The effort garnered Disselhoff MIAA Pitcher of the Week honors.

Game one's nine-run first gave Northwest a golden opportunity to build off that surge, but coach Darin Lee again saw his team struggle at the plate and commit untimely errors in the field, which led to another up-and-down series.

"That's been our problem in the last month or so," Lee said. "We hit at times. We don't hit it times. It's just been inconsistent play all over. We can't blame it just on the hitting because we've had some (shaky) pitching performances. We also, at times, make silly errors in the field behind our pitchers."

The Lions roughed up usually-sound starter Brett Harvel to the tune of six runs, chasing him from the game during the nightmare inning. Freshman Ben Bryant relieved Harvel and gave up just one run in his 5 1/3 innings of work.

Northwest countered with nine hits, including two doubles by third baseman Ben Malick and a single and a double by shortstop Ryan Bledsoe, to plate its nine runs. Malick finished the game with three doubles and four hits.

The inning was among the more impressive first basemen Britt Westman had ever been a part of.

"The coolest part of that was they (Southern) did score seven and instead of, you know, (saying) 'aw heck, they're up seven runs already,' we turn right back around and put up a nine-spot," Westman said. "Anytime you put up nine runs in an inning, it's pretty impressive. Since they did have the momentum by scoring seven runs in that first inning, we took it right back."

The following day's games saw no switch in momentum, as the Lions never relinquished it, winning 3-1 in game two and 7-2 in game three.

Southern pitcher Ryan Verfurth held Northwest to one run on five hits to spoil a six-strikeout performance by starter Jeff Gradel Jr. in game two, while a fielding error opened the door to a four-run Lions fourth in game three. Southern starter Scotty Robertson held the 'Cat bats to four hits, while its leadoff hitter, Juan Hernandez, equaled that

total by himself.

The bats did return from their one-day hiatus last Sunday, though they didn't necessarily have to. Chris Benham's RBI single in the second started a five-run rally to give Disselhoff more than enough run support. Benham also swiped his 16th base of the season, which is second in the MIAA. Malick picked up where he left off Friday as well, smashing two doubles and driving home three runs.

Disselhoff's performance was what stood out to Lee, however.

"Bill went out, had dominating stuff and dominating mentality and threw a great ballgame for us," he said. "That's our best pitching performance of the year. We need all of our pitchers to be that mentally and physically prepared when they come out of the bullpen to go out and do their job and to sustain that focus."

Northwest played Missouri Western, Wednesday (results not available at press time) and hosts Washburn this weekend. The Ichabods are 6-13 in the MIAA, but boast the league's second-best pitcher in Curtis Hamilton, who has a 1.94 ERA. Though Washburn trails Northwest



NORTHWEST PITCHER Jeff Gradel Jr. delivers a pitch during Saturday's contest against Missouri Southern. Gradel went 6 2/3 innings, struck out six and allowed three earned runs during the 3-1 loss.

in the conference, Lee sees no reason to overlook them after his team's recent spotty play.

"I think, the way we're playing, we don't have the luxury to take anybody lightly," he said. "You've got to go out and win games when you're facing teams near you in the conference, especially when you're playing them at home."

"We need to respond and get a bunch of wins because we can't afford to sink any further in the conference race."

BEARCATS

BASEBALL STATISTICS

Northwest	Opponent
280 Batting Avg.	271
105 Runs	86
150 Hits	140
14 Home runs	16
91 RBIs	79
434 Slugging %	422
360 On-Base %	358
24 Stolen bases	10
968 Fielding %	956

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Batting Average	Earned Run Average
1. M. Hallam-UCM .447	1. M. Carey-UCM 1.56
2. B. Majors-ESU .438	2. C. Hamilton-WU 1.93
3. T. House-PSU .427	3. D. Polje-UCM 2.77
4. B. Mountjoy-SBU .416	4. T. Applehans-ESU 2.79

Runs Batted In	Strikeouts/Game
1. E. Shortell-ESU 58	1. R. Timbrook-ESU 13.5
2. B. Majors-ESU 48	2. E. Saul-MWSU 10.8
3. T. Robbins-FHSU 31	3. D. Polje-UCM 10.2
4. M. Hallam-UCM 29	4. M. Carey-UCM 10.0
	5. B. Harvel-NW 9.68

On-Base Percentage	Saves
1. T. House-PSU .560	1. E. Nickel-NW 6
2. M. Hallam-UCM .557	2. N. Templeton-PSU 4
3. B. Mountjoy-SBU .500	4. A. Burris-ESU 4
4. E. Shortell-ESU .497	
5. B. Malick-NW .480	

SOFTBALL STATISTICS

Northwest	Opponent
313 Batting Avg.	279
216 Runs	157
312 Hits	263
27 Home runs	21
196 RBIs	135
483 Slugging %	424
394 On-Base %	342
28 Stolen Bases	30
954 Fielding %	954

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Batting Average	Earned Run Average
1. J. Anastos-FHSU .516	1. M. Leonard-UCM 1.18
2. A. Turner-MSSU .470	2. K. Nooki-TSU 1.47
3. M. Campbell-ESU .429	3. S. Sheeley-ESU 1.67
5. C. Belcher-TSU .429	4. A. Jones-MWSU 2.42
6. C. Carper-NW .422	9. K. Morris-NW 3.04

Runs Batted In	Strikeouts/Game
1. J. Anastos-FHSU 42	1. M. Leonard-UCM 9.91
2. J. Dace-ESU 38	2. S. Sheeley-ESU 9.84
3. T. Carter-NW 36	5. K. Morris-NW 6.36

On-Base Percentage	Shutouts
1. J. Anastos-FHSU .573	1. M. Leonard-UCM 6
2. M. Campbell-ESU .526	2. K. Morris-NW 3
4. E. Leslie-NW .487	2. S. Sheeley-ESU 3
6. C. Carper-NW .482	2. K. Swygert-WU 3
8. C. Channell-NW .442	

SOFTBALL: Sweep ends road trip

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"You know, Cola (Krueger) threw well and that's all we ask of our pitchers," Anderson said. Krueger allowed three hits and one earned run. Krueger muscled two strikeouts and walked four. The 'Cats stranded six baserunners.

Northwest started game two in much different fashion than game one. The 'Cats jumped on Negrete, as Channell tallied a 2-out RBI single in the first inning. That lead remained until UNO constructed a 5-run fourth inning. Northwest missed opportunities to score, stranding five runners during the final six innings.

"They weren't hitting Kelly (Morris) hard," Anderson said. "She walked a couple, but she was throwing well. We just didn't help her out."

Morris sailed through the first three innings, allowing two hits, until running into trouble during the fourth. Krueger and Kelsey Resa relieved Morris and allowed two hits and no runs during the final 3 1/3 innings.

Northwest dropped to 21-14 overall, while UNO improved to 32-6. The road doubleheader completed a 17-game road trip where the team went 8-9. The 'Cats return to action at 2 p.m., Friday, at home against Fort Hays State. Northwest will also host the Northwest Classic featuring eight teams Saturday and Sunday.

SPOOFHOUNDS

BASEBALL

Photo by Marcus Meade
courtesy sports editor

THIRD BASEMAN JOE Jasinski fields a grounder during Maryville's March 21 game against Benton. The Spoofhounds spent much of their time indoors since due to bad weather.



Schedule lull hits team before tournament

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville baseball team played only one of four scheduled games last week, but put up its best performance of the season Monday at East Buchanan.

Weather forced the cancellation of three games this past week for the Spoofhounds, but they dominated East Buchanan 10-2, Monday to improve to 2-5.

Aaron Ducker pitched the first four innings, leaving the game with his second win of the season and a 7-1 lead. Andy Walter again moved over from his shortstop position to relieve Ducker, and Cory Cronk finished the game.

Walter and Cronk have also contributed offensively for the 'Hounds. Cronk is hitting .461 with five RBIs and Walter is hitting .400 with two RBIs and a pair of doubles.

Ducker allowed one run in the first inning, but Maryville wouldn't allow another run until the final inning with the game out of reach.

Tanner Walter highlighted the offensive output for the 'Hounds when he broke the game open with a two-run homer in the fifth.

Tanner's home run was the first of the season for the 'Hounds.

The victory came after a nine-day layoff for the 'Hounds that included rain-related cancellations against Lee's Summit Community Christian, Cameron and LeBlond.

"By last Friday, our boys were tired of practicing and being in the gym," coach Thom Alvarez said. "It worried me going into the game not being on the field in over a week."

"We started slow, but about the third inning, the bats came alive, and they started playing really well."

The added time off may have helped the 'Hounds with a couple of their weaknesses from the first few games of the year.

During the week off, they worked on fundamentals and repetitions, catcher John Seipel said.

Throughout the first six games, they struggled to make plays in the outfield, but the defense performed exceptionally well against East Buchanan, highlighted by Joe Jasinski and Spencer Twaddle's double play.

"I was very pleased with the defense," Alvarez said. "We had a couple practices outside and we've been focusing on it more, and inside we've been working on grounders more and I think it's paying off."

With one cancellation already

this week, and another possible, the 'Hounds may have another week off between games.

"It (finding out Tuesday's game was cancelled) was a little disheartening," Seipel said. "It wasn't a good thing. It meant we couldn't have practice outside either and we were in the gym, but hopefully all the work will pay off."

The continuous rainouts have an affect on the players' psyche, thinking you're playing a game that night and then going to practice in the gym instead, but Alvarez feels his team has handled the complications well.

"I know the boys have been down," Alvarez said. "But they've kept their spirits up and that's helped the camaraderie and we've tried to keep it light at practice."

The 'Hounds are scheduled to play Savannah at 4:30 p.m. tonight in Maryville, but the occurrence of the game didn't look promising at press time Alvarez said.

Next week, Maryville plays in the Pony Express Tournament. The four-day tournament consists of Benton, Lafayette, LeBlond, Central, and Maryville.

The first day of the tournament begins Monday, at Benton High School, when the 'Hounds play Central, at 4:30 p.m., at Bartlett Field.

NW WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfers hopeful 'frustrations' end

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

With two of the first three meets canceled because of weather, one word describes the feelings of the Northwest women's golf team.

"Frustrating," Jessica Feuerbach said. "We're starting to wonder if we are going to play golf at all this spring."

Today, the team travels to the two-day Avila Invitational at Minor Park Golf Course in Kansas City, hoping to engage in its first competition in nearly a month.

"We're already at the halfway point, and we sure as heck hope we can finish the rest of them up," coach Pat McLaughlin said.

The team's last meet was in late March at the Wayne State Invitational in Wayne, Neb., but was canceled because of snow. The canceled meet all but ended the Bearcats' chances of either qualifying individually or as a team for the North Region Championship May 5-7, in Grand Forks, N.D. Many North Region schools were scheduled to play at the Invitational.

"That hurts, regionally, in our ability to qualify," McLaughlin said. "Unfortunately at this point in the season, it's too late to make them up."

With temperatures fluctuating, the team has been indoors hitting golf balls against a net. When the temperature has been more appealing, the team has played rounds at Mozingo Golf Course and at the Maryville Country Club.

The two courses are polar opposites, and that has helped the team in preparation. The Country Club's tree-lined fairways, close-out-of-bounds markers and small greens, have challenged the team.

"Being able to play this course challenges different parts of our games," Feuerbach said, "which is helpful with the lack of different courses we've been able to play so far this spring."

After Avila, the team travels to the Park University Invitational at The National Golf Club in Kansas City. The Invitational will serve as a homecoming for Sydney Askin and Lauren Atkinson. Both Askin and Atkinson called the National their home course during their high school career at Park Hill South.

NW TENNIS



NORTHWEST TENNIS PLAYER Vigil Sehgal soars a ball over the net during a doubles victory last Saturday against Truman State. Sehgal's undefeated performance last week earned him MIAA Player of the Week honors.

Teams sweep through region teams

By Mandy Threlkeld
Missourian Reporter

Another Northwest tennis player earned MIAA Player of the Week honors. This time, though, it occurred on the men's team.

Freshman Vigil Sehgal went 4-0 last week and tallied a victory against the region's No. 10 ranked player, Truman State's Peter Bracha. Sehgal won in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-2.

The Northwest men went 2-0 during the week, with a 6-3 win in each of the contests versus Rockhurst and Truman.

Daniel Usieto, Felipe Gennari and

Giovanna Auricchio also earned victories against Truman. In doubles, the teams of Sehgal and Gennari and Auricchio and Jake Salsbury garnered wins.

The victory improved the Bearcats to 12-4 overall and 1-1 in the MIAA. The victories also helped keep their No. 26 national ranking and No. 3 regional ranking.

The women's boat Truman State won (7-2) to take the No. 1 position in the region.

Kristina Vucenov, Jordan Lipira, Lina Gomez and Lisa Pendrak earned wins. In doubles action, Northwest won all three matches.

The win handed Truman its first

loss, while Northwest improved to 14-3 overall and 4-0 in the MIAA.

"To go into the singles matches up 3-0 is a real confidence booster, and we carried out the performance the rest of the day," Lipira said.

With the season well underway both teams are looking forward to big matches and are hoping to win the regional tournament, and get a shot at nationals.

"We are all a close team. We know each other, and everyone pulls their own weight. I think we have a real shot at nationals," Lipira said.

The 'Cats face Newman (Kan.) Saturday, at home.

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coach Scott Lorek said. "She's going to do great in the future. Yeah, she's been a pleasant surprise."

Junior Anna O'Brien came away with a 10-second victory in the mile run, while juniors Halley Carlson and

Tierney Eaton took first and second in the high jump, respectively.

Despite his team's victory, Lorek saw some problems with the mindset of his athletes.

"In some ways, we weren't mentally ready to compete," Lorek said. "In some events, we had people

ready and some we quite honestly weren't."

Now, Lorek looks toward the Jim Duncan Invitational for his group to hit its stride and put up good marks.

The 'Cats will participate in the Jim Duncan Invitational April 12, in Des Moines.

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NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week

Miles

The sophomore from Kansas City won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes while setting the 100-meter record (10.48) at the Northwest Invitational last Saturday.

Walter

The freshman thrower tied for the women's point title with 20 at the Northwest open by winning the javelin throw and placing third in the discus throw.

Gadbois

The freshman sprinter broke Maryville's 100-meter record in her first meet, with a first-place time of 12.47 at Chillicothe.

Farmer

The junior sprinter and long jumper won the 100-meter dash in 11.32 seconds at Maryville's home meet, Wednesday.

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MHS GOLF

Short game cannot salvage tournament

By Brian Bosiljevac
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville golf team traveled to Shenandoah, Iowa on Tuesday only to have its day cut short.

The tournament, which contained eight schools, was scheduled for 18 holes but dropped to nine because of rain and, therefore, will not count to the team's overall record.

"Even with bad weather, everyone played good, and we are pretty happy with the results," Maryville golfer Matt Downing said. The Spoofhounds' lowest scorer was senior Zack Johnson, who tied for 12th with the score of 42. The team collectively brought in the score of 171, which was good enough for sixth place.

"Sixth out of eight doesn't sound really good, but with the weather being cold enough that we had to bring out the hot hands and only being able to play three holes without rain, I'm happy," coach Brenda Ricks said. "And even though we finished sixth, we were only seven strokes off the leader (Clarinda)."

The 'Hounds credited their short game as the key point to the solid outing.

"I agree completely with the guys," Ricks said. "Driving and always hitting the fairways isn't our strongest point, but with a good short game to make up for it, it doesn't have to be."

The 'Hounds also traveled to Cameron on Monday for a triangular match with the Dragons and the Chillicothe Hornets.

Cameron came out ahead, shooting a 153, while Chillicothe handed what Ricks called another disappointing loss with a score of 177 to Maryville's 181.

Maryville's lowest scorer was senior, Luke Hendrix with a 41. Zack Jackson tallied a 44 and Tanner Roames managed a 47, while Downing scored a 49 and Trevor Shell a 50.

Ricks is hoping to improve the short game even further by eliminating any three putts and is looking for her team to drop a few strokes and achieve their personal bests in today's quad-match, at 4 p.m., at Mozingo.



SARA MCGINNNESS ATTEMPTS to clear the bar in Maryville's home track meet Wednesday. The meet is the team's lone home contest.

Jayhawk win means unbearable Kansas fans for years to come

As Memphis decided that making free throws and fouling at strategic times wasn't something it wanted to be a part of Monday, the same idea spread through the minds of anti-Kansas people.

We're never going to hear the end of this. Never. Our grandchildren's grandchildren will die, and basketball will debut on Mars before the Jayhawk nation forgets about the 2008 National Championship game. Kansas fans will simply call it, "The game," and rename Chalmers' miracle



Marcus Meade
Staff Sports Editor

3-pointer, "The shot." In sports, we find the most generic nicknames for great moments. See, "The catch," and "The drive."

Don't get me wrong, I don't hate this Kansas team. I like this Kansas team more than any other, and I'm a Missouri fan. Kansas plays tough, unselfish basketball, and I can't help but like that. But the Kansas fans will be unbearable.

The Jayhawks deserved to win. They had the best team. They made the fewest mistakes, and they didn't play any teams that began with the letter "B." Despite the fact that they deserved

to win, I hate that they did, because I'm going to hear about it for the next three decades.

The one Kansas fan I watched the game with couldn't control himself after the victory, and I know his joy won't leave anytime soon. He and the rest of the Kansas fans will sport their Kansas blue proudly, making the rest of the world want to puke.

If Memphis had won, this wouldn't be a problem. I don't know any Memphis fans. In my mind, there aren't any Memphis fans, but I can just hear the 50-year-old Jayhawk fan sitting around the bar.

"Rock Chalk Jayhawk baby, 2008 champs."

"It's 2050. That was 42 years ago. Move on."

"Jayhawks rule. Lets go drink some PBK."

I'm OK with a little boasting — to the victor go the spoils. But that can only last one year. In 2009, Jayhawk fans must leave the past in the past and forget about this one amazing game.

If the Kansas faithful let the gloating drag on longer than one year, they run the risk of becoming a group of delusional die-hards living in the past.

Or as I like to call them, Cornhusker fans.

SPORTS STATE OF MIND: THE HARD TIMES IN MARCH MADNESS

* We at the Northwest-Missourian have run out of sports. Therefore, we close our year with our personal favorite sports moments.

Scott's Picks

1. 2000 — Iowa State defeats UCLA
UCLA point guard Earl Watson was the tournament darling, but he ran into a buzz saw when Jamal Tinsley showed him how to properly play basketball. Tinsley and should have been "Player of the Year" Marcus Fizer dominated the Bruins and repaid them for what happened in 1997, when Cameron Dollar showed Jacy Hollaway en route to a game-winning layup with less than two seconds remaining.

2. 1997 — Iowa State defeats Cincy
As a lifelong, the Cyclones underachieved for most of the season. But they entered the tournament with a solid squad featuring "the mountain man" Kelvin Cato, "sharpshooter" Dedric Willoughby and my personal favorite, "the garbage man" Kenny Pratt. The Cyclones played well and won the game in the end. For more information on how that tournament ended, read the previous entry.

3. 2006 — NWSU defeats Iowa
What a great game to watch as a Cyclone fan, especially when you watch it with Hawk fans. The No. 3-seed Hawks dominated the entire game until about the final five minutes. Then the Demons started chucking 3-pointers and won on a shot for the ages in the final seconds.

4. 1997 — Arizona defeats Kentucky
If not the greatest, definitely one of the best title games of all-time. The underdog Arizona beats the mighty Wildcats in OT, dealing a 3-point.

5. 1999 — UConn beats Duke
Two great teams, one great championship game.

Brett's Picks

1. 1992 — Laettner's buzzer-beater
This has probably been No. 1 on every SportsCenter Top-10 ever created about the NCAA Tournament history. It also taught current and future coaches to always guard the in-bounds pass, but it apparently didn't teach the West Texas A&M women's basketball team.

2. 1993 — Webber's timeout
It doesn't matter what Chris Webber did in college or in the NBA. He will always be remembered for calling timeout in the 1993 title game against North Carolina when the Wolverines had none.

3. 1998 — Drew sinks Ole Miss
The Jayhawks deserved to win. They made the fewest mistakes, and they didn't play any teams that began with the letter "B." Despite the fact that they deserved

4. 2005 — Kansas loses to Bucknell
Bill Self's second season at Kansas ended with a loss to No. 14-seed Bucknell in the first round of the 2005 Tournament. I'm pretty sure KU nation was calling for Self's head after this game. Of course, nobody will admit that now after KU won the national championship on Monday.

5. 2002 — Missouri advances to Elite Eight
It was a glorious night in San Jose, Calif. Missouri became the first 12-seed to advance to the Elite Eight after an 82-73 win over UCLA in the 2002 regional semifinal. The Bruins were up three with 10 minutes left, but Kareem Rush and Clarence Gilbert propelled a 19-6 run to put the game away. Missouri lost two days later to Oklahoma.

Sam's Picks

1. 2003 — Syracuse beats Kansas
The second-greatest day in the history of sports. This SU team made an entire basketball decade for me. Gerry McNamara's six first-half 3's. Carmelo's 20 points, my all-time favorite basketball player, Keith Duan's 11 points (including the single biggest free throw in team history) and "the black" (Hakim Warrick's clutch shot on KU's last shot) marked an 81-78 championship victory and the culmination for nearly 10 years of Orange devotion for one Kansas fan.

2. 1996 — Syracuse beats Georgia
Down two with less than two seconds to go, Donovan McNabb (yes that one, he played ball for two years) launched a half-court pass to a falling Jason Cipolla, who drilled a 16-footer to send it to OT. Team stud John Wallace took it the distance in OT and sank a leaping 3 at the buzzer to send an 11-year-old Sam into hysterics and SU to the Elite Eight.

3. 1996 — Syracuse beats KU
SU continued its run to the title game against Paul Pierce and Jacques Vaughn's Kansas squad.

4. 1999 — Missouri's march to the Elite Eight
Zags and Gus Johnson emerge on the scene in this classic. A good friend picked this game and jumped on the "Zags" bandwagon (made his own T-shirt before they were sold prior to the tourney). He still resides there to this day.

5. 1990 — Loyola Marymount beats NMSU
After the tragic death of star forward, Hank Gathers, longtime teammate Bo Kimble gave everyone in the nation chills as he shot his first two free throws left-handed like I Hank did.

Marc's Picks

1. 2000 — Badgers Final Four run
The entire town of Maryville was glued to their TVs to watch their prodigal son, Zach Morley, play an important role in Wisconsin's success. He averaged over seven points and four rebounds a game. In the tournament, he stepped up his game scoring 15 points against Bucknell and 10 against North Carolina State. Morley showed the world what spoophounds do.

2. 2006 — George Mason madness
The amazing thing was that people at the end of George Mason's run actually thought they could win. Well, maybe not, but they at least weren't willing to say the Patriots were going to lose.

3. 2000 — Michigan St. beats Iowa St.
This makes my list because it made Scott's life miserable. Anything that makes Scott's life miserable, like his impending marriage, I love. Marcus Fizer and Jamal Tinsley got a lesson in tough defense and rebounding from one of the best coaches in college basketball, Tom Izzo. Scott can whine about the refs all he wants — the Cyclones deserved to lose.

4. 2002 — Missouri's march to the Elite Eight
This is an example of how one great player can take over the tournament. Kareem Rush decided to put the Tigers and their terrible coach Quinn Snyder on his back upsetting Miami, Ohio St. and UCLA.

5. 2005 — Bradley beats Kansas
This really gave birth to Kansas' reputation as a choke artist. This game was also among the first to give mid-major respect. Now, the Davidsons and Butlers of the world are feared.

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Saturday
■ New York at Boston, 2:30 p.m. FOX — I'm not as excited as most people are when it comes to this game, but there's nothing on. It's either hockey or baseball. I'll take baseball.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m. WGN — White Sox are on a roll right now, and I don't see the Tigers getting off lower winning anytime soon.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Saturday
■ Cubs at Phillies, 6 p.m. WGN — Go Cubs Go. The Cubbies are going to launch homers out of Citizens Bank. They'll take the love out of the city of brotherly love.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

■ Blades of Glory, 3 p.m. HBO — I was very surprised by how much I laughed at this movie. The sexual chemistry between Will Ferrell and Jon Heder is undeniable. Watch coach Hayden Fox as the figure skating coach.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Saturday
■ Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m. — Gil Meche looks to rebound from his rare lackluster start against the Twins last Saturday, as they come to KC and the world's largest high definition video board. I'm sure that won't last long as Texas or Japan won't be able to stomach this.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

■ San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m. Versus — That's right, after reading on my Web site gig how much people still love hockey, I'm going to pick one night and give it a try: Go Sharks!

Days rating (2 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks

Saturday
■ The Masters, 2:30 p.m. CBS — The second round of the Masters Tournament continues on CBS as Tiger Woods looks to continue his domination at Augusta.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ Minnesota at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m. — Brian Bannister looks to go 3-0 against Brian Bos and the Minnesota Twins. Hopefully, the Royals play better against the Twins this time around.

Days rating (4 of 5)

AT YOUR LEISURE

TOP PICKS

Top 3 picks of the week

By Kristine Holtop
Editor-in-Chief

■ Already in theaters — "21" is a drama starring Kevin Spacey ("American Beauty"), Jim Sturgess ("Across the Universe") and Kate Bosworth ("Blue Crush").

Based on a true story, five students trained to count cards, took their skills to Vegas and did what every card-counting college student strapped for cash would do: played blackjack.

Ben Campbell (Sturgess), an MIT student, needs money to pay his tuition and finds himself trapped in a group specializing in card counting.

Campbell, along with teacher Micky Rosa (Spacey) and new crush Jill Taylor (Bosworth) invade Vegas casinos, winning millions. Their tricks turn, however, when casino employee Cole Williams (Laurence Fishburne) starts to question their "luck."

■ Download and try — The Kooks, "Always Where I Need to Be"

Vampire Weekend, "A-Punk"

Pinback, "Good to Sea"

Muse, "Starlight"

Death Cab for Cutie, "I Will Possess Your Heart"

■ Tune in — The writer's strike is finally over and your favorite shows are slowly returning to air.

A few favorites, "The Office," "30 Rock," "ER" and "Scrubs" begin tonight.

"Desperate Housewives" (six new episodes) — April 13

"One Tree Hill" (six new episodes) — April 14

"Law and Order: SVU" (five new episodes) — April 15

"Smallville" (six new episodes) — April 17

"Supernatural" (four new episodes) — April 17

"Gossip Girl" (five new episodes) — April 21 (already renewed for next season)

"Law and Order" (five new episodes) — April 23

"Grey's Anatomy" (five new episodes) — April 24

"Lost" (five new episodes) — April 24

"Ugly Betty" (five new episodes) — April 24

"House" (four new episodes) — April 28

Some favorites aren't returning this spring, but plans for filming are ongoing.

Season seven of "24" is postponed until January 2009, however a two-hour movie will air fall 2008, to transition from season six to season seven.

"Army Wives" returns for season two in June.

No new episodes of "Dirty Sexy Money" will air this spring, but three pre-strike episodes will kick off the fall 2008 series.

"Heroes" fans are forced to find something to pass the time. No new episodes are expected to air until fall 2008.

"Nip/Tuck" begins filming its sixth season this summer, but airing dates haven't been released.

STROLLER

Your Man loves racial comedy

I get all my reading done on the can. Oddly, I get all my writing done on the can also.

While perusing the pages of ESPN The Magazine and having a moment the other day, I came across a blog entry from a Web site entitled Stuffwhitepeoplelike.com.

That's right, Stuffwhitepeoplelike.com.

My first thought — hilarious.

The blog article, or blarticle, warned black people about trying to start a March Madness office pool. It claimed that white guys, who already run the pools, would never allow such a thing, because white guys care more about office pools than their jobs.

By the end of the blarticle, I was laughing so hard I crapped myself, which was OK because I was on the toilet.

So, like the great columnist I am, I did my research. Stuffwhitepeoplelike.com is a generic blog with entries from people about stereotypical things white people like.



The Stroller

Not to be outdone, a site called Stuffblackpeoplelove.com also exists, and though it seems more serious in nature, it's still hilarious.

The formation of these Web sites brings a smile to my face. Finally, we're moving toward a place where we're not afraid to make fun of our differences. Stereotypes are funny, and the sooner we embrace and make light of them, the sooner we'll move past petty differences.

It started out slow. Back in the day no one could make fun of anyone else for any reason what so

ever. Then revolutionaries like Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy began doing impressions of white people, and that became the accepted model. Black comedians could make fun of white people. White comedians could make fun of themselves. Now, it seems like we're moving beyond that to a free-for-all of racially charged comedy that is at the same time funny, harmless and clever.

In an ironic twist, Target has purchased the blog Stuffwhitepeoplelike.com. Now, I fully expect KFC to do the same for Stuffblackpeoplelove.com, and together they can spread the message of harmless racial comedy together.

See, it's already started.

"The only exception being Canadians. We can always make fun of them."

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

MOVIE REVIEW

"The Other Boleyn Girl" serves as history lesson

By Sara Kendall
Missourian Reporter

Heads rolled and hearts were broken by the royal womanizer King Henry VIII.

"The Other Boleyn Girl," a flick based on the novel of the same name by British author Philippa Gregory, features an all-star cast and a historically-accurate plot.

This film follows the story of the Boleyn sisters, Mary (Scarlett Johansson of "Lost in Translation") and Anne (Natalie Portman of "V for Vendetta"), through their roller-coaster love affair with King Henry VIII (Eric Bana of "The Hulk").

When King Henry's wife, Catherine of Aragon, fails to produce him a male heir, Anne is sent to entertain him. Instead, Mary catches the eye of the king. Reluctant at first, Mary falls in love with the king and gives him a son.

Always the competitive older sister, Anne convinces the king to abandon Mary, start his own church and leave the queen.

Anne plots to stay in power and when her plan backfires, she finds her neck on the line.

"The Other Boleyn Girl" is a heart-wrenching story of love, betrayal, manipulation and family.

The portrayal of the Boleyn sisters by Johansson and Portman is extraordinary. Their relationship as sisters is so convincing, it was

hard to remember they aren't actually related.

Bana plays the power-hungry, womanizing king perfectly and Jim Sturgess (of "Across the Universe") portrays George Boleyn, the brother of the Boleyn sisters, without getting lost among some big name stars.

The epic storyline allows you to get caught up in emotion of Anne and Mary. By the end of the movie, you feel compassion for the sisters and you ache with every tear that is shed because of loss.

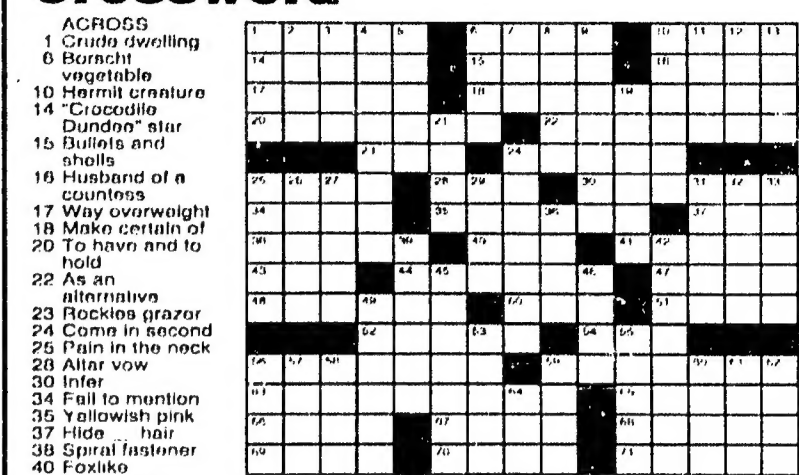
The film is an amazing story about two powerful women trying to do better for their family. I liked that it was historically accurate and stayed true to Gregory's novel.

The costumes are beautiful and capture the time period exquisitely. The sets are huge and magnificent, adding to the whole grandeur of the movie.

At points in the movie, the camera movements and lighting were dismal. Parts of the movie were dark and hard to see and other parts felt as though I was watching "The Blair Witch Project." I was distracted by it and ended up missing important parts of the movie.

Overall, "The Other Boleyn Girl" captured my heart as the most emotional historical flick I have ever seen. It was beautifully designed and perfectly cast and told an amazing story of heartbreak and betrayal.

Crossword



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Spring Sports - A Bearcat Weekend

Join fellow Bearcats at one of the many athletic events held April 11, April 12, April 13. See schedule below.

Friday April 11	Saturday April 12	Sunday April 13
SOFTBALL VS FORT HAYS STATE AT 2:00 PM	SOFTBALL VS ST. CLOUD STATE AT 11:00 AM	SOFTBALL VS MINNESOTA STATE AT 11:00 AM
BASEBALL VS WASHBURN AT 3:00 PM	SOFTBALL VS MINNESOTA AT 1:00 PM	SOFTBALL VS AUGUSTANA AT 1:00 PM
	BASEBALL VS WASHBURN AT 1:00 PM	BASEBALL VS WASHBURN AT 1:00 PM
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Piano Man

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

He scans the crowd before hunching over the large, black piano in the center of the stage. As he takes his position on the bench, he strikes one note repeatedly before allowing his fingers explode across the ivory.

After finishing his first piece, Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre, Op. 40," Jeffrey Ly stands, gives the audience a grin that reaches ear to ear and takes a bow. His boyish smile reminds the crowd that the impressive performance they are in the midst of seeing is different than any piano recital they have ever seen.

In fact, for many, the opportunity to see this 13-year-old prodigy is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Ly began his piano studies at age 5 at the European Academy of Music and Art in Maryland, under the direction of Dr. Bella E. Oster. As Oster's student, Ly has had opportunities to perform at many impressive venues, including Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the White House, along with 30 embassies in Washington, D.C.

For Ly, the thrill of performing isn't the only perk that his talent has given him.

"Traveling is the best thing," Ly said. "It's fun, but it's not really a hobby because you can't really have a vacation."

Although Ly has traveled to many different, he said his show in Maryville is near the top of his

favorites list.

"It's a very warm atmosphere," he said. "I like performances where the audience is warm, and where people respect and appreciate what I do."

Playing a concert paraphrase on G. Bizet's opera "Carmen," brought a new energy to Ly's performance. He threw his entire body into the rhythm of the piece, expressing the connection and emotion he feels to his music. Near the end of the song, Ly's wire-rimmed glasses fall to the floor as a result of his enthusiasm and energy during his performance. After taking a bow, still grinning ear to ear, Ly gathered his glasses and took a second bow.

The deep compassion that Ly feels while performing seems most apparent during "Carmen," making it seem as if it is his favorite piece.

However, Ly insists that favoritism toward pieces doesn't play a part in any of his performances.

"They're all wonderful in different ways," he said, smiling. "So there really is no favorite piece. They are all different and unique."

Sharing the excitement of the tour is Ly's younger sister, Olivia, who joined him on stage toward the end of the concert.

Coming on to the stage gracefully in a sky blue formal, Olivia, 11, stood next to her older brother, who beamed proudly as he introduced his younger sister to the audience he had previously captured the hearts of.

As the two sat side by side on the piano bench, their bodies

swayed simultaneously as they played together, almost appearing choreographed.

"They work well together," Dr. Oster said of the pair. "They love each other dearly and that's where you see the happiness on stage."

Both are members of the International Association for Musically Gifted Children and have each received gold medals from the organization for best performances.

Although touring takes up the majority of their time, the Lys are both interested in many of the same activities as their peers.

Jeffrey is an avid swimmer who enjoys reading and writing. His favorite subjects in school, however, are math and science. Home-schooled, he is now studying Algebra 2, which he loves.

Olivia, who also enjoys reading and writing, has been an active dancer for eight years. She is involved in ballet, jazz and tap, but ballet is her passion. Also home-schooled, she is supposed to be working at a sixth-grade level because of her young age, but is busy working on eighth grade curriculum. Along with a love for science, Olivia also loves composition.

As the question of what they want to accomplish by age 18 arises, the two look at each other and giggle.

"Probably to get better and better, right?" Dr. Oster said.

"There's always more and more," Jeffrey said, smiling at his sister. "There's never really a top of anything."



AT THE AGE of 13, Jeffrey has mastered some of the most challenging classical masterpieces. He started playing at the age of three, and has performed at some of the world's most famous venues, including The White House and Carnegie Hall, in New York.



IN THEIR PIANO duet, siblings Jeffrey and Olivia Ly performed classical pieces by composers including Tchaikovsky and Chopin at the Charles Johnson Theater. The two child prodigies performed Sunday afternoon in a concert sponsored by Northwest Culture of Quality and the Department of Music.

Check nwmissourianews.com to see a video clip from Jeffrey Ly's concert.

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Looking Back ...

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Art and Entertainment Guide

*The news and moments
that made our year*

It's been a rollercoaster of a year between the crazy celebrities we love to hate, the presidential election, the happenings of Maryville and Northwest.

What color are you?

This quiz tells you what not only gives you insight into your personality but also what color you are. Dominant and powerful? Peaceful and quiet?

Heartland View

Travel into the word of Saltimbanco where acrobats travel through diversity in the suburbs.

his and hers
nick stark and mandi wahlenmaier answer the questions every-
one's asking- politics, spring break and reality tv.

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take a look back at the school year. we've had murders, ice storms
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rehab, lose their children and get their prescriptions mixed up.
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his inspiration, his dog and his hockey team. page 6

what crayon would you be?
this personality quiz tells you what color you are: red, blue,
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quiz. page 8

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- Contractors coming in to clean up Maryville
- Springtime and warm weather
- The transgendered man carrying a baby for his wife who can't conceive
- The writer's strike ending and shows coming back on tonight

- Mariah Carey actually having more No.1 hits than Elvis Presley
- Gas prices exceeding \$3
- "Superhero Movie" making it into the box office Top 5 movies
- Too many end-of-the-year projects and finals



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Nick Stark and Mandi Wahlenmaier

Do you support Clinton or Obama?

Nick: "I support Obama because he believes in one America and sees no division between different races or religion."

Mandi: "I like Obama's opinions more than Hillary's."

What did you do for Spring Break '08?

Nick: "I went home to Lathrop and did absolutely nothing."

Mandi: "I observed high school English and worked at the YMCA in Kansas City."

If you could watch one movie over and over again, what would it be?

Nick: "I would watch the 'Third Resident Evil,' because it's a good story and has good action scenes."

Mandi: "I would watch 'How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days,' because it is very light-hearted and I love the actors."

What is your opinion on reality television?

Nick: "I'm not a big fan. It's more staged than anything, and it's not actually real, which defeats the purpose."

Mandi: "I don't like the shows on MTV. I think they are trashy, but I love shows like 'Dancing with the Stars' and 'American Idol.'"

If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

Nick: "Easy-going."

Mandi: "Perfectionist."

P.S. want to be interviewed for he said/she said? contact the P.S. desk at 562.1224 or e-mail at ps.nwmissourian@gmail.com

Columnist questions conservative view on violent films, actions

On any given night when I'm taking a break from studying, I'm usually on IMDb.com or Filmcrave.com perusing different movies that I've seen over the years. Lately though, when I check out these Web sites, I find myself thinking about the roles that movies play in our lives.

The conservative media has always claimed that violent movies have influenced violent actions. This really came to media attention when it was discovered that the Columbine killers' favorite movie was "Natural Born Killers."

"Natural Born Killers" is a movie directed by Oliver Stone about two lovers who go on a killing spree. Strangely coincidental, I must say when I think of the Columbine massacre.

However, the more I think about a killing spree inspired by a movie, the whole concept just boggles my mind. Compared to the crap that Fox News feeds us every night, violent movies almost seem tame.

If you ask me, I think conservative media outlets like Fox News are more to blame than movies. When we have Fox News scaring us with their over-hyped stories about terrorism, the local news having us be more afraid of blacks everyday by showing a black male robbing a 7-Eleven or showing the paramedics wheeling Heath Ledger's dead body out of his apartment. The worst example I can think of however was all the major news networks showing the Virginia Tech killer videos while America is eating dinner.

I find myself questioning whether people who consider "The Godfather" to be the greatest film of all time, want to secretly be gangsters. Well, according to the people who believe movies inspired the Columbine killers, this isn't too crazy of an idea. No offense, but I haven't heard of too many people starting up gangs in trench coats and giving favors on the day of their daughter's wedding lately.

I don't mean to just pick on people who consider "The Godfather" the greatest movie of all time either. I also find myself questioning other people who have different favorite movies. For instance, do people whose favorite movie is "Gone With The Wind" expect to fall in love during the Civil War era? Or do people who love "Mary Poppins" expect to be able to snap their fingers and their clothes will put themselves away?

Now let's think about my favorite movie: "Fight Club." Does this mean that one day I'm going to start a fight club, burn my hands with lye, start my own "Project Mayhem" and end up getting in a fist fight with Brad Pitt? Even though all of it sounds pretty awesome, I have sense to know that "Fight Club" is make-believe.

It's like Chris Rock once said, "What ever happened to just being crazy?" I ask myself that exact question when it comes to this issue. The public needs to wake up and realize that it is conservative media outlets taking the easy way out and blaming everything else but obvious reasoning. These killers have serious mental problems and we can't lose focus of that. I hate to think we live in a world where one might see "Titanic" and think they might be able to meet their true love on a ship if only it will hit an iceberg and sink.



Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter



2008 preview of Olympic games in sunny Beijing



People to look for:



■ Kathryn Bertine — former ice skater, pro triathlete and author. Turned down by the U.S.A., Bertine sought dual-citizenship with St. Kitts and Nevis (Caribbean islands) in order to fulfill her dreams of becoming an Olympian.

When to watch:

- Track and field: Aug. 16 – 24
- Rowing: Aug. 9 – 17
- Badminton: Aug. 9 – 17
- Baseball: Aug. 13 – 23
- Basketball: Aug. 9 – 24
- Boxing: Aug. 9 – 24
- Canoe/Kayak
- Flatwater: Aug. 18 – 23
- Slalom: Aug. 11 – 14
- Cycling
- Track: Aug. 15 – 19
- Road: Aug. 9, 10, 13
- Mountain Bike: Aug. 22 – 23
- BMX: Aug. 20 – 21
- Equestrian
- Jumping: Aug. 15 – 24
- Dressage: Aug. 13 – 20
- Eventing: Aug. 9 – 12
- Fencing: Aug. 9 – 17
- Soccer: Aug. 6 – 23
- Gymnastics
- Artistic: Aug. 9 – 20
- Trampoline: Aug. 16 – 19
- Rhythmic: Aug. 21 – 24
- Weightlifting: Aug. 9 – 19
- Handball: Aug. 9 – 24
- Hockey: Aug. 20 – 23
- Judo: Aug. 9 – 15
- Wrestling
- Greco-Roman: Aug. 12 – 14
- Freestyle: Aug. 16 – 21
- Aquatics
- Swimming: Aug. 9 – 21
- Syn. Swimming: Aug. 18 – 23
- Diving: Aug. 10 – 23
- Water-polo: Aug. 10 – 24
- Modern Pentathlon: Aug. 21 – 22
- Softball: Aug. 12 – 21
- Taekwondo: Aug. 20 – 23
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- Sailing: Aug. 9 – 24
- Volleyball: Aug. 9 – 24
- Beach Volleyball: Aug. 9 – 22

Watch for the Olympics on any NBC affiliates this summer.



■ Breaux Greer — Javelin-thrower. William David Schmidt got a bronze medal in 1972, but no one from the USA has since. Greer might change that.

Q&A with Dierks Bentley

Before his performance in Bearcat Stadium next Wednesday, country superstar, Dierks Bentley chatted with the Northwest Missourian about his music and personal life. Bentley, who released his third album, "Long Trip Alone" in October 2006, is best known for hits such as "What Was I Thinkin'" and "Free and Easy."

Q: Everyone is curious, why did you cut your hair?

A: I was ready for a change, just wanted to look at a different face in the mirror for a while, so I decided get a haircut.

Q: What is it like to perform in the Midwest, opposed to larger cities as a country artist?

A: We have a lot of fans in the Midwest. We're lucky enough to travel all over the place and do well everywhere we go, but the Midwest has a lot of country music fans. Between Mo., Ill. and Ind., we've built our fan base by just playing one show at a time.

Q: Which of your songs do you identify with most?

A: Every song is kind of autobiographical. Some days I relate with "Long Trip Alone," which is more of a love song or spiritual song, and some days I relate more to "Lot of Leavin'" or "Free and Easy," which are more about being on the road and having fun. Different days strike me differently.

Q: Where do you draw inspiration from for your songs?

A: I think about different relationships that didn't work out, the good and bad things in life and love.

Q: What is your favorite song to perform?



A: "Free and Easy" is fairly new, it's been out for a little over a year and it gets such a big response, so I'd say it's the most fun to sing every night.

Q: When you aren't traveling, what do you like to do?

A: I play center for a men's hockey team once a week with regular dudes from here. It's a little bit of release. Also, I like going to lake or going out in the woods, anything outside.

Q: What do your teammates think about you being a country performer?

A: They aren't really big country fans but once they find out what I do they think it's cool, but they are pretty chill about it.

Q: Does your dog Jake go on tour with you?

A: Wherever I go, Jake goes. He's a good dog; I've had him for about eight years.



'Vantage Point' misses mark, anti-climactic film disappoints crowd

By Elizabeth Sexton
Missourian Reporter

With the unfulfilled potential to be a modern "Who Dunnit?" in the age of global terrorism the movie "Vantage Point" is a "Who Cares?" that misses the mark.

An assassination attempt on the president of the United States provides more opportunity for twists and conspiracies than the line up of big-screen stars. Dennis Quaid, Forest Whitaker, Sigourney Weaver and Matthew Fox are among the cast of characters whose actions form what could be an intriguing collection of narratives. As multiple perspectives unfold in a mysterious fashion, the movie-goer could be given the true vantage point, a superior point of view from the plush comfort of theater seats.

Pandemonium erupts when the president of the United States is shot at a global war on terror summit. Thomas Barnes (Quaid), a has-been secret service agent, moves with rapid speed to find the assassin. Another agent Kent Taylor (Fox) rushes to protect the president. An explosion rocks the screaming crowd. Rex Brooks (Weaver), a television news producer, looks on powerlessly from a production trailer, while Howard Lewis (Whitaker), an American spectator, is swept into the action with his personal camcorder. The entire scene is saturated in confusion and chaos. The audience can feel it is on the brink of something big, something deep.

Something profound is inevitable. Slices of the story are revealed and the mystery grows with the element of anticipation. Surely this movie is going to put the audience to a true connect-the-dots-style test. After all, the movie begins with this thrilling climax. It continues in an excellent pace of events, with a handful of surprises, betrayals and the lively use of reverse chronology. Unfortunately, the main action peaks too soon and the element of suspense just can't seem to rise again. The weight of massive gaps in the story and minimal character development create more unsatisfying confusion than thrilling enlightenment. Frankly, there is more context in an episode of "Blue's Clues."

If you are saving the history lessons for class, "Vantage Point" is your bull's eye. The writing is ambiguously off target with vague responses to powerful questions. The truthful paradox is an empty plot scattered with lousy lines. This script contains so much corniness, it should receive a budget subsidy for ethanol production.

On the upside, cheesy, awkward scenes create moments of inappropriate laughter - which is all the more enjoyable. It is totally unexpected, like laughing in church. Unlike your unholy guffaw, if you feel any remorse for cracking during these calamities, the next one is on me.

A car chase that is literally a wreck proves this Tom Clancy wannabe is more like a Tom and Jerry. My adrenaline flat lined long before I could grab another Red Bull, throughout a lengthy, unrealistic chase. Cars magically heal themselves and pedestrians remained unscathed to the very end. Finally, the car predictably brakes just before (almost) smashing into an adorable little girl who is rocking that deer trapped in headlights look. At the very least, this movie is riding on the edge of entertainment.

Just as Brooks instructs her news reporters, "Keep it simple." Following this approach, the movie is a true success.



ACROSS THE UNIVERSE



2007-2008 Best and Worst in entertainment



Remy from Ratatouille

Best movie:

Sydney's choice: "Juno" takes the cake in this category. Ellen Page and Michael Cera instantly became two of my favorite actors, thanks to their witty performances in this mega-hit. I loved everything about this film, from the music, to the story line and especially Ellen Page's sarcasm as the pregnant teen.

Reality: In 2007, "Spider-Man 3" was the top-grossing film, bringing in \$336,530,303. However, so far in 2008, the animated hit "Horton Hears a Who" is No. 1, bringing in \$117,589,254 to date.

Worst movie:

Sydney's choice: "Saw IV" was terrible. The film was confusing, unnecessarily gory and I think they are running out of ideas for the movies. It kills me (no pun intended) to know they plan on doing a few more in this series.

Best comedy:

Sydney's choice: "Superbad" was by far the funniest movie I've seen in a while. At first, I was somewhat skeptical about a movie involving nerdy, hormone-raged high school boys, but after watching the Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up") written/produced film, I was instantly amused and still find myself quoting the flick on a regular basis. Rogen and co-writer Evan Goldberg knew exactly what they were doing when they created this mega-hit.

Reality: "Ratatouille," an animated hit about a rat that has dreams of becoming a chef, was the No. 1 comedy in 2007, bringing in \$617,245,654 worldwide.

Best pop song:

Sydney's choice: I'm not much of a pop-music fan, but "Apologize" by OneRepublic really stood out to me this year. Although the song was made popular by the Timbaland ft. OneRepublic version, my personal favorite is the OneRepublic acoustic version. The song spent an impressive 27 weeks (and running) on the Billboard Digital Tracks chart.

Best country song:

Sydney's choice: "We Rode in Trucks" by Luke Bryan is the type of song that makes a girl from the country miss home. Although I was never the girl out on the farm or riding around in tractors, I know what it's like to go to bonfire parties in the middle of nowhere, go mudding for fun and ride around with the cute boys in their trucks. Bryan's single paints the perfect picture for anyone that grew up in a rural area and lived the life he sings about.

Most outlandish celebrity:

Sydney's choice: While thinking back on all of the celebrity mishaps over the last few months, nothing sticks out quite like Britney Spears. Recapping her actions, she went to rehab and lost custody of her two children, just to name a couple. Did that stop Ms. Spears from her crazy ways? Of course not. She went from being bubble-gum pop princess to the poster child for Girls Gone Wild and it's actually quite depressing. Hopefully she gets her act together and puts out more "Toxic" and less "Gimme More" in the future.

Most overplayed song:

Sydney's choice: If I have to hear anything else about stupid boots with the fur, I'll scream, "Low" by Flo Rida has to be the most overplayed song ever, actually. No matter what radio station you tuned into, what music channel you were set on or what night of the week you went to Molly's, you were sure to hear this super-annoying song.

Best debut from an artist:

Sydney's choice: OneRepublic, the group that brought us "Apologize" and the new hit, "Stop and Stare" are the most impressive group of the year, thus far. They aren't grungy to the point that you can't understand the lyrics, they don't whine about losing their girlfriend or their truck and they actually sing and have talent that is enjoyable to listen to. Hopefully they keep the hits cranking out at the same rate they are right now.

Best music from a movie:

Sydney's choice: Big surprise - I think "Across the Universe" had the most amazing music from a movie this year. Sure, I'm a hardcore Beatles fan, but I think the cast of the movie, Jim Sturgess, TV Carpio and Evan Rachel Wood to name a few, did an excellent job over covering the hits and making them very up-to-date. Although the soundtrack only has a fraction of the songs included in the movie, the rest are definitely worth purchasing on iTunes. I also think that the movie versions of the songs opened a door for a younger generation to enjoy Beatles music if they hadn't before.

*Worldwide figures for movies from The-numbers.com



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Entertainment Reporter

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Looking Back ...

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Art and Entertainment Guide

*The news and moments
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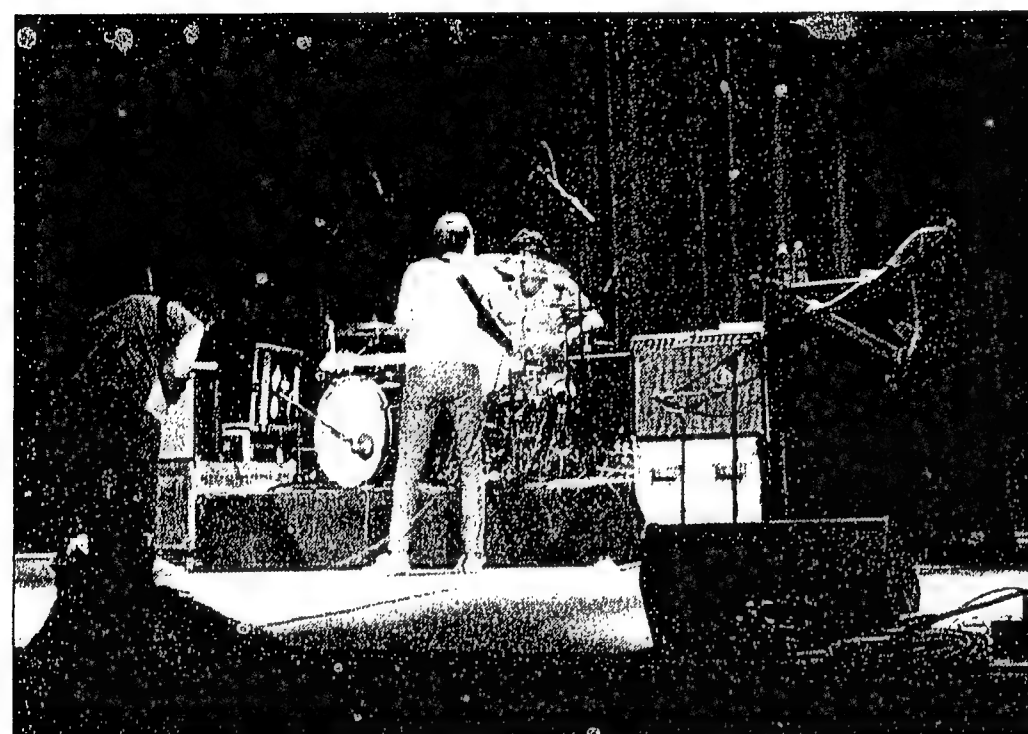


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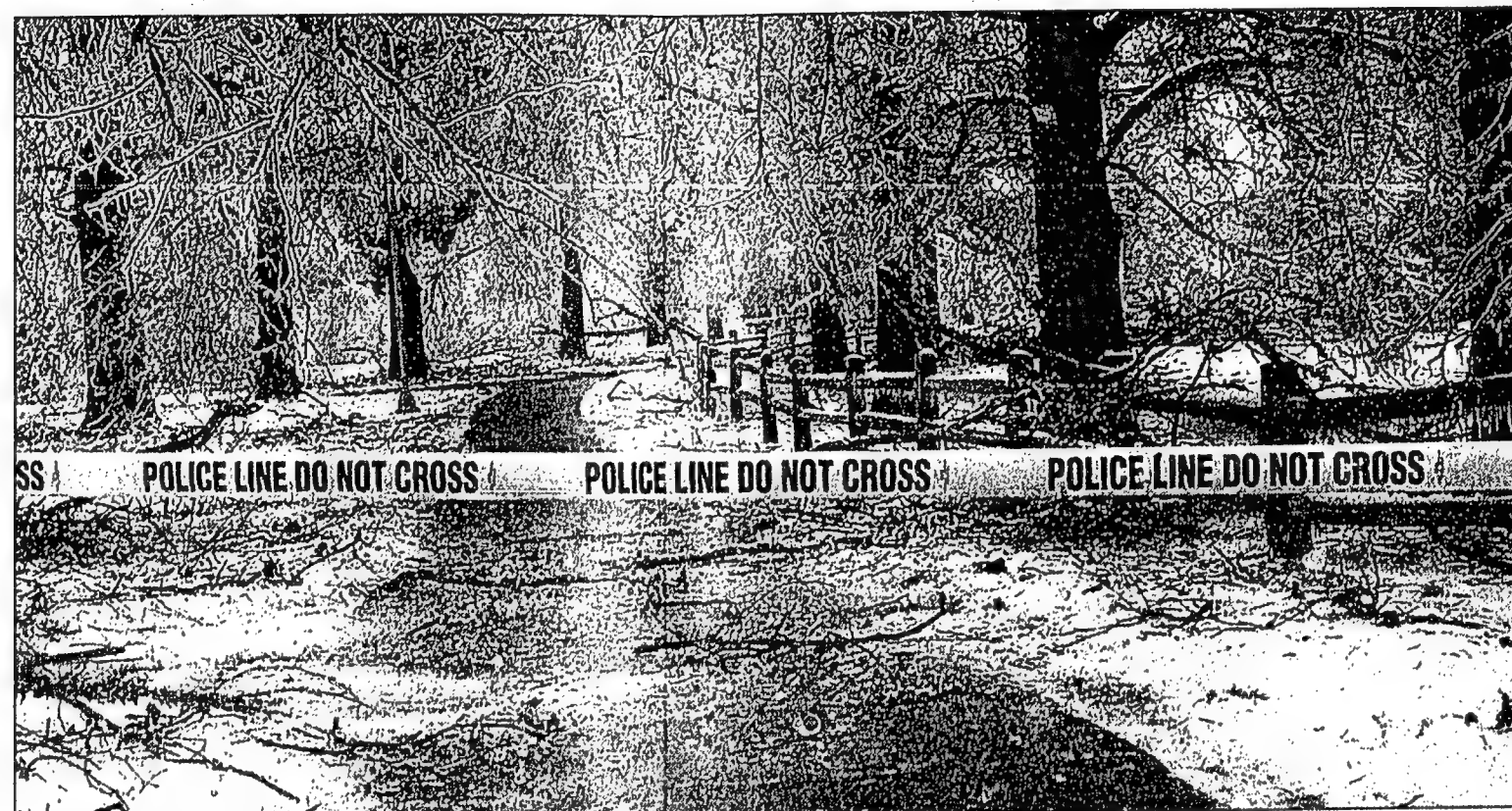
Travel into the word of Sal-timbanco where acrobats travel through diversity in the suburbs.

A Look Back ... 2008

the news and events that made our year memorable



Sept. 14: Hello Goodbye performs at Northwest



Dec. 10: Ice storm closes campus, postpones finals and destroys several campus and community trees



Feb. 28: Colden Pond Plunge raises \$1,700 for St. Jude Up 'Til Dawn

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Aug. 23: First football game under new stadium lights at Bearcat Stadium

Aug. 27: Classes start



Oct. 3: Britney Spears loses custody of her two children



Oct. 22: Lisa Montgomery is found guilty of kidnapping resulting in death



Oct. 27: Shots fired on campus near the Station during Homecoming weekend

Dec. 8: Northwest football team defeats Grand Valley in the NCAA Division II National Semifinals



Dec. 15: Northwest loses NCAA Division II National Championship

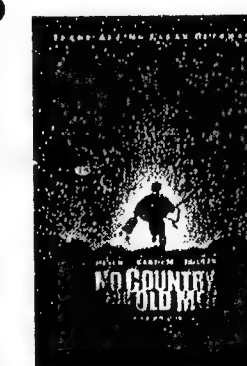
Jan. 30: Republican candidates John Edwards and Rudy Giuliani drop out of the 2008 presidential race



Feb. 10: The 50th annual Grammys air with performances from Kanye, Carrie and Beyoncé



Feb. 7: Republican candidate Mitt Romney drops out of 2008 presidential race



Feb. 24: The 80th annual Oscars air live



April 16: Dierks Bentley performs at Northwest

May 2: Last day of finals

Sept. 8: Northwest football loses first non-playoff game since 2005

Oct. 4: Bobby the Bearcat logo conflict

Oct. 28: Red Sox win World Series



Nov. 5: Writers strike begins

Dec. 3: Shooting at the Mandarin results in the murder of Jaime Zamudio-Hernandez



Jan. 22: Heath Ledger found dead in his New York apartment

Jan. 24: Amy Winehouse enters rehab



Feb. 3: Giants win Super Bowl XLII

Feb. 12: Writers strike ends, promising the return of favorite shows

March 4: Republican candidate Mike Huckabee drops out of 2008 presidential race

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D) optimistic

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C) boring
D) undisciplined

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C) diplomatic
D) lively

A) tactless
B) hard to please
C) lazy
D) loud

A) direct
B) creative
C) adaptable
D) a performer

A) calculating
B) self-righteous
C) self-deprecating
D) disorganized

A) strong-willed
B) respectful
C) patient
D) fun-loving

1. If I applied for a job, a prospective employer would most likely hire me because I am:

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B) deliberate, accurate

and reliable
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B) cry, feel hurt and plan revenge
C) become quiet, withdrawn and often hold anger until I blow up over some minor issue later
D) distance myself and avoid further conflict

3. For me, life is most meaningful when it:

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D) allows me to be playful, lighthearted and optimistic

4. In an argument with a friend, I am most likely to be:

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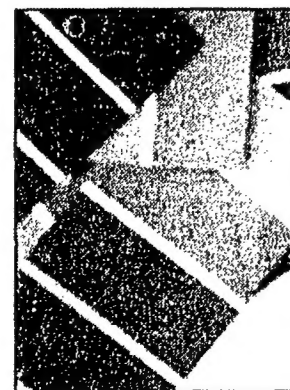
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Mostly A's

Reds are motivated by power. They feel they need to look impressive for others. They want things done their way. Willingly, they will do what it takes to be in a leadership position. Reds value whatever gets them ahead in life, whether it be their careers, school, extracurriculars or personal life. Often times, reds are workaholics. They like to be right and value approval for their intelligence. Reds are confident, proactive and visionary, but they can also be arrogant, selfish and insensitive.

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Blues are motivated by intimacy. They want to genuinely connect with others and desire understanding and appreciation. They are loyal friends and employers. Blues love to serve and whatever they commit to is their sole focus. They enjoy meaningful moments in conversation and usually remember special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries. Blues are dependable, thoughtful and analytical, but can also be self-righteous, worry-prone and moody.



Mostly C's

Whites are motivated by peace. They require kindness and attempt to resist confrontation. Feeling good is more important to them than being good. Usually they are quiet and good listeners. They are very respectful but shy away from hostility. Whites often need their alone time and appreciate doing things their own way in their own time. They ask little of others and are strong, but their strength is often not seen. Whites are even-tempered, diplomatic and reasonable but can also be indecisive, unexpressive and silently stubborn.

Mostly D's

Yellows are motivated by fun. They are inviting and see life as a party. They love playful interaction and are incredibly sociable. They are highly persuasive and love instant gratification. They desire adoration and praise from others. Though they are carefree, they are sensitive and highly alert to people trying to control them. They need to look good socially and place friendship as high priority. Easily distracted, yellows live in the moment. Yellows are charismatic, spontaneous and positive but can also be irresponsible, obnoxious and forgetful.

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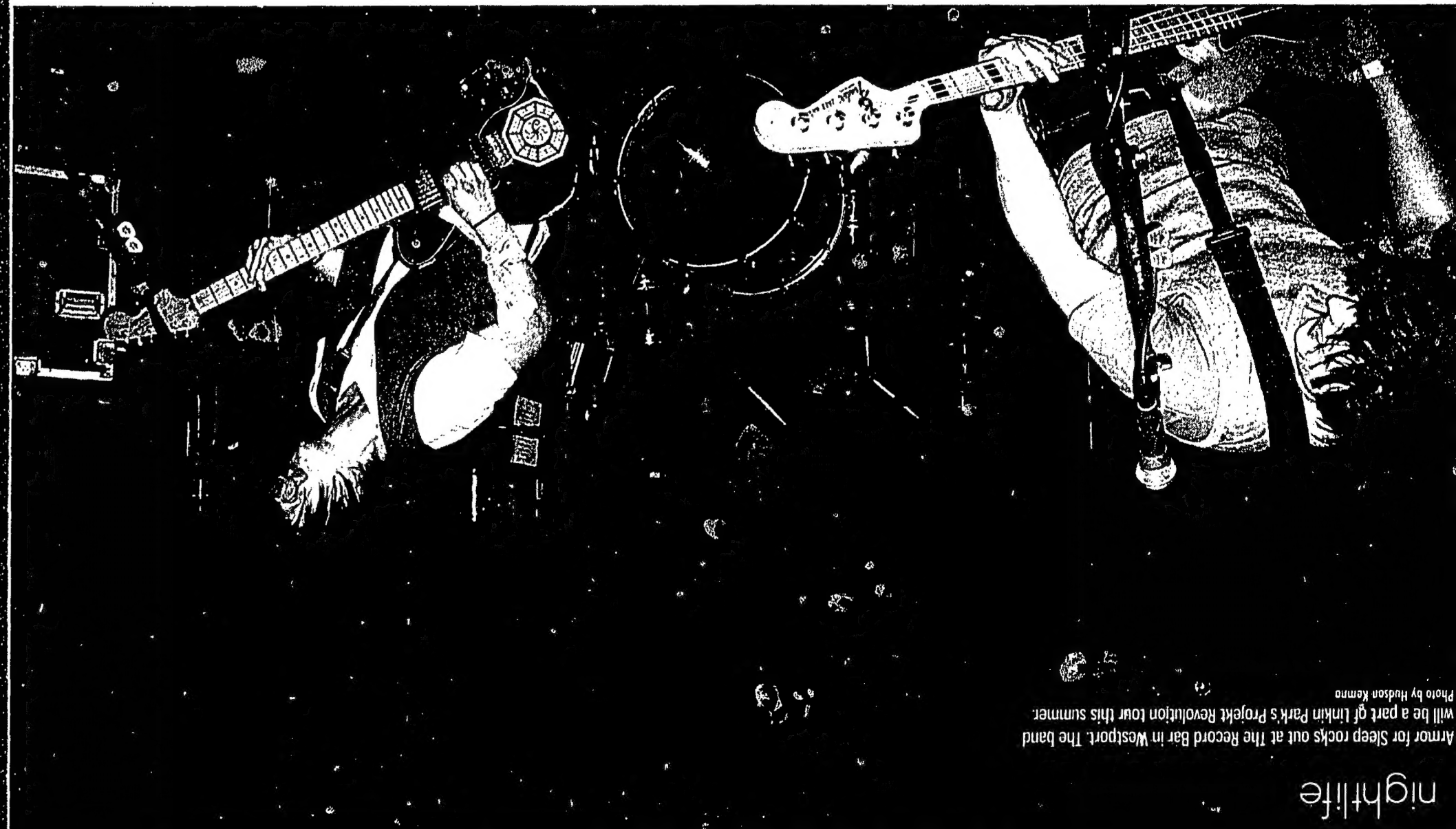
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Lead singer Ben Jorgensen plays to the audience. Jorgensen formed the band in 2002. Photo by Hudson Kemmo

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their better known album entitled, *What to do When You're Dead*, which built up their fan base enough they headlined their own tour.

Armor for Sleep has been on tour on and off for the past couple of years. Additionally, they're growing more and more popular with every tour.

Known for an energetic show, and both hard and soft songs, *Armor for Sleep* is certainly worth checking out. However, while you're waiting for them to return to Kansas City, I highly suggest checking out the other bands bouncing around Kansas City.

In the meantime, check out Main Street Café and the Grand Emporium located in Downtown Kansas City. These venues host a number of local talents, and you're sure to find a night that works for you because they have a varied schedule of times and days for shows. You won't have to look far to find solid beats, and good times.

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DESIGNED BY: ASHLEE MEJIA



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STRETCHING IMAGINATION

Cirque du Soleil show travels to the Midwest

Weaving unknowingly to audience members, creeping clowns emerge with pointy noses and colorful faces dressed in rainbow colored, eccentric costumes designed to represent a city's fun and free-spirited essence. They poke fun and make sport while introducing both life and character into the dark. Their entrance, though eerie at first, becomes entertaining and captivating as they take control and set the stage for the next two hours of animated artful bliss. This is Saltimbanco.

Saltimbanco, Italian for "to jump on a bench," is a signature Cirque du Soleil show which has been touring internationally since 1992. The show is inspired by the urban atmosphere of city life and its quirky community.

Each character, original in every way, guides the audience on a mystic cartoon-like journey. The creative performances touch the imagination of all ages creating laughter and joy to fill the room.

There are nine acts, each showcasing a combination of typical circus performances such as juggling, acrobatics,

singing, and various circus arts along with not so typical performances such as, martial arts, extreme sports, bungee jumping, and more.

36 artists from around the world bring to life 11 characters each night in a new and original way. One such character is La Belle, who is viewed as the audience's narrator and a divine goddess. Her language is universal and she sings of a brighter tomorrow, while lyrically telling a story of human emotion.

La Belle is played by Chantal Blanchard, 30, from Montreal who joined the show in 2005 and has traveled with the show ever since. Blanchard loves playing La Belle and feels emotionally engaged in each performance because not one show is the same. Instead, Saltimbanco evolves artistically through each performance allowing artists free rein to act and express their character's personalities.

"To be in the moment is probably one of the biggest challenges I face as a performer in this show," said Blanchard. "To make it new and fresh, you have to dare to do something different."

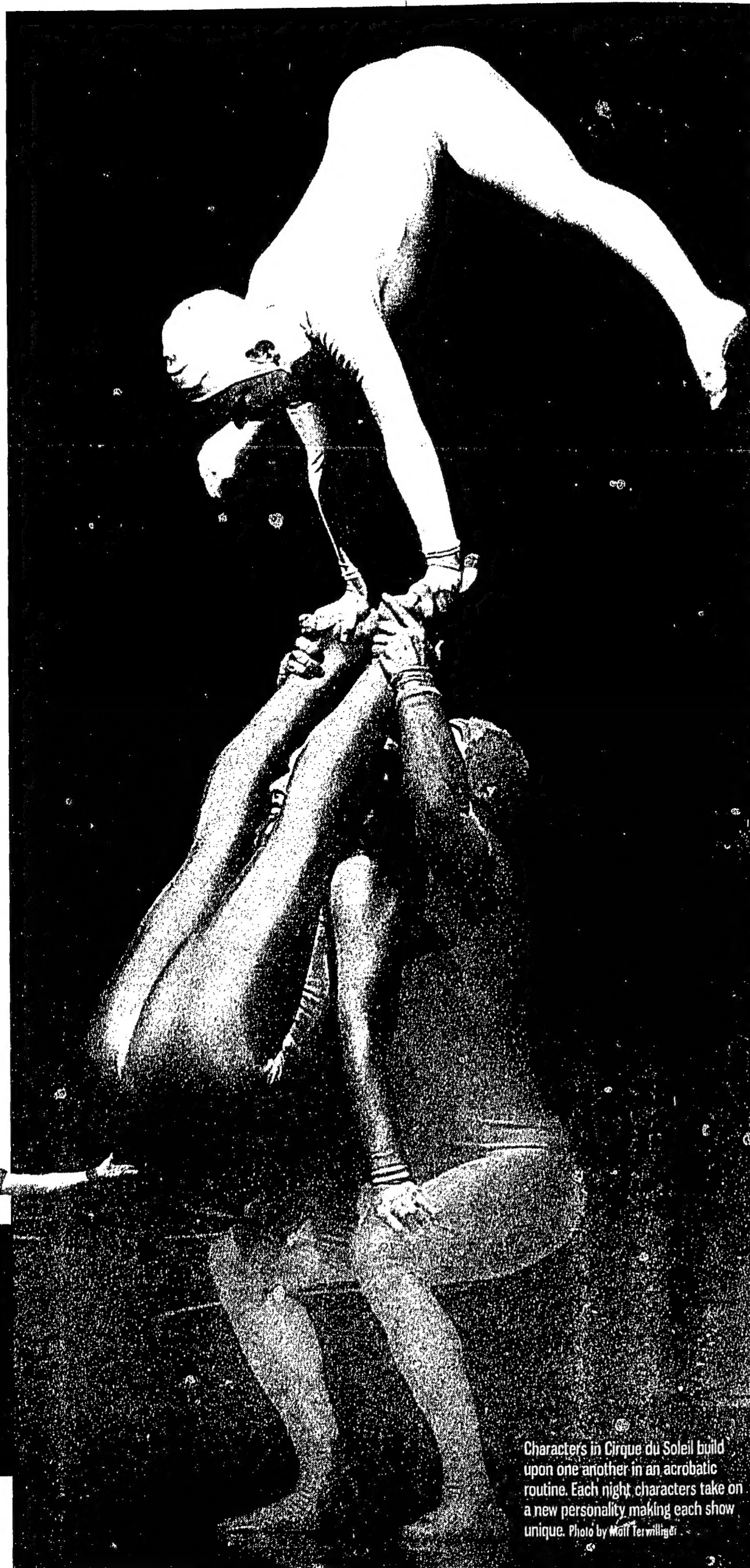
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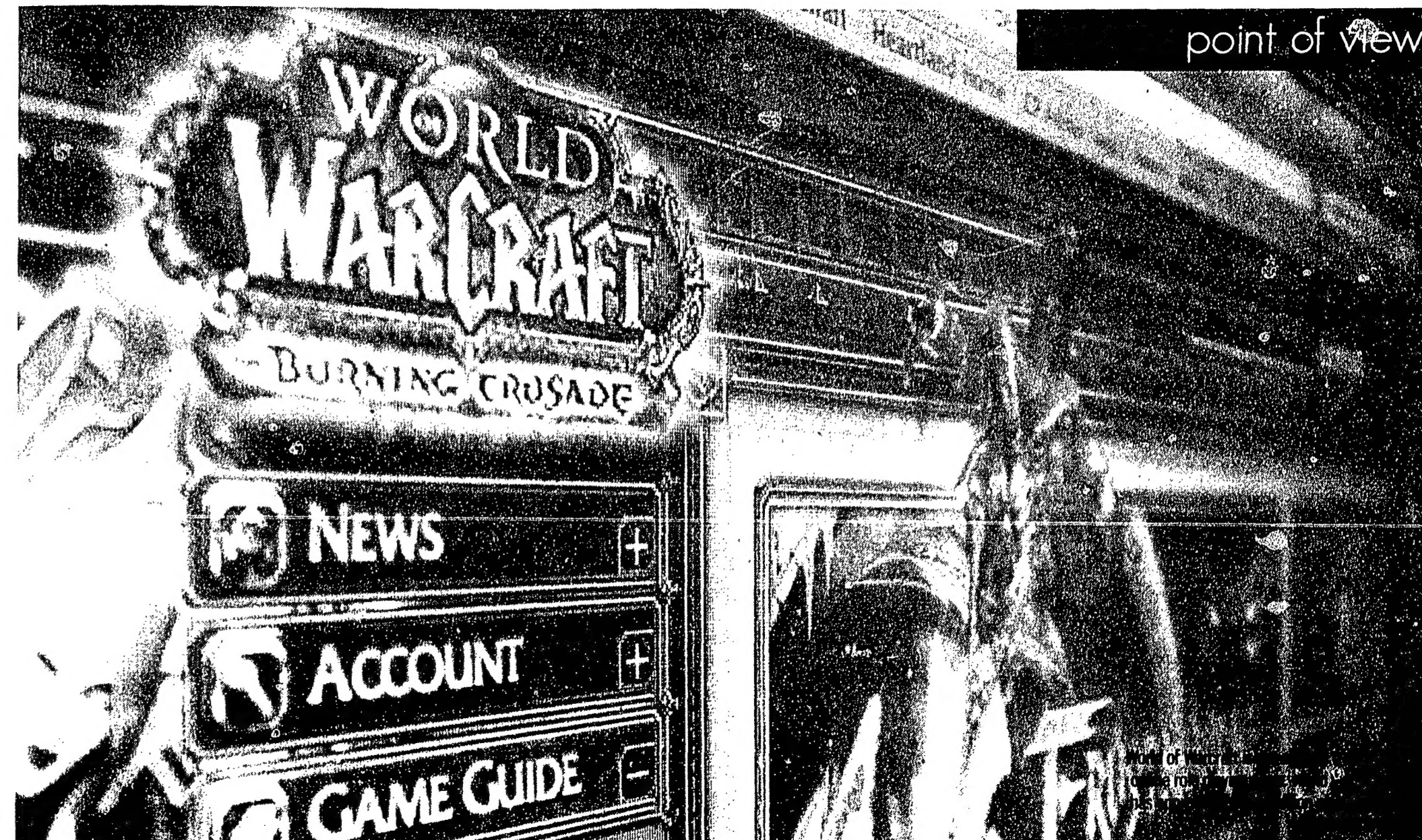
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- All artists apply their own makeup which takes approximately 90 minutes a piece.
- There are over 1,200 costume items.
- There are more than 250 pairs of custom made shoes.
- Each character has approximately three to five costumes, which can include up to 12 individual pieces.
- Stunts are rigged and carried out by the artists.
- Cirque du Soleil artists hail from 45 different countries.

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Characters in Cirque du Soleil build upon one another in an acrobatic routine. Each night, characters take on a new personality making each show unique. Photo by Matt Terwilliger



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THE VIRTUAL IAN

The trials of reaching the next level

At first glance, Ian McCall does not give the impression of being a warrior. He is a tall, slender college student who rides a bike to class, lives in a dorm and eats in a university-dining hall. Yet McCall, 21, lives two very separate lives, one of which exists entirely within a virtual world.

This world is known as the World of Warcraft and it is a computer game phenomenon that has been sweeping the nation for several years now. However, in McCall's case, his experiences with the game are surprisingly more real than one would think.

"World of Warcraft is the largest and most played MMORPG in the world," McCall said.

An MMORPG, as McCall explained, is shorthand for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. While this description is certainly a mouthful, it doesn't even come close to expressing the sheer size and depth of the game.

"World of Warcraft is a social game that you play with your friends and level up your character to become stronger," McCall said.

This custom created character lives and fights in a fantasy world separated by two groups: the Horde and the

Alliance. These two factions consist of approximately six million real players who compete, cooperate and explore within the virtual land of Azeroth.

McCall finds the appeal of the game to be the rewarding sense of progression and power.

"It is very satisfying defeating another player," McCall said. "In the game, we use the word ganking, which means defeating a player that is significantly weaker than yourself...knowing that even when the odds are against me, I can still pull through with enough work."

Ironically, when McCall says work, he genuinely means it. When asked about how much time he spends playing the game, he is perceptibly overwhelmed while calculating his playtime.

"That is relative," McCall says after a moment. "Before the recent expansion pack came out...I might have played only about six hours a week. Since the new expansion...there has been a race among the community to level up the fastest. Now, everyday I play when I get back from classes, do my homework...then play straight through until about four in the morning. So I guess that's about 50 to 70 hours a week."

Although McCall spends a substantial

amount of his waking hours playing the game, he openly admits that he is hooked on the game.

"Oh, it is absolutely addictive; it has destroyed lives and I'm not exaggerating," McCall says with calm certainty. "But it really depends upon the player. I mean it's possible to play the game casually."

The fact that McCall is essentially working overtime for a game that does not pay and actually requires a \$10 monthly subscription fee raises a difficult, but obvious question.

Can World of Warcraft be destructive?

"Absolutely," McCall admits. "I should be out there working a real job, but I am postponing that until I reach level 70. I am gonna help my friends out in the game first."

Ian McCall may represent the first of a new generation where the line between reality and virtual reality is increasingly blurred. This concept of intense, virtual entertainment doesn't seem to be going anywhere anytime soon either.

"It is definitely something I really enjoy," McCall said. "If the game developers keep updating the game with new content, then I will keep playing."

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